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FOREIGN.

...gress of the Old Catholic Movement Throughout Europe.

...uthern France Ripe for a Republican Revolution.

...endly Relations Re-established Between the Czar and the Pope.

GERMANY.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

...w York, Jan. 28.—Late Munich letters de... the spread of the old Catholic movement, ...bish Dr. Dollinger is leader, in Germany and ...pe. The progress of the movement outside ...rmany is rather slow, notwithstanding the ...and energy of such able workers as Fried... Huber, Strassmayer and others. In France ...s made little headway. The Italian clergy ...aloof from it and are silent on the subject. ...pain the prospects are better for the reform... It is thought from revolutions lately made ...ustria regarding the abuses of the confes... that the country is a good ...for the Dollingerites to work in. As ...rds Russia there is a good understanding between the Greek Church ...the old Catholics. At the September Con... of Munich Professor Osinin, of St. Petersburg, was present as delegate of the Greek ...h and was most highly impressed with the ...grams of the old Catholics, and his labors st ...e since his return from the German reformers ...k North with some degree of confidence for ...ess. The endeavor to bring about a union ...een the two Churches will be prosecuted ...eal.

Bavarian correspondent gives the following ...ount of the late ecclesiastical excitement at ...berg: Vast interest and agitation has been ...sed by the burial of an old Catholic, Xavier ...er, at Amberg, on New Years. Dying in the Catholic faith, the Episcopal ordinariat of ...ich had ordered that he should be ...ed religious burial, but the Magistrate of ...berg applied at once to the District Govern... at Ratisbon, receiving by telegraph the de... of the Royal Government; first, that the ...sed was to be considered as a Catholic; ...dly, a Catholic church in Amberg must be ...ed for the usual services, to be performed ...r. Friederich, or other clergymen called in ...to relatives; third, the passing bell of the ...ch church must be tolled during the burial; ...th, in case of refusal of one or other of the ...e, force must be used; fifth, a postponement ...e execution of this ordinance must not take ...e. Armed with this, the Magistrate immediately opened the hospital church for the old ...r burial, and the sad ceremony took ...e under the very eyes of the infallibilistic ...ds of the Church. An immense procession ...owed the deceased to the last resting ...e. Not only were the civil ...s present, but many Government officials ...ffering many women. ...derick delivered a beautiful funeral address, ...ressing his conviction that Zunner had died ...e true religion. His words created a deep ...lasting impression. The Ultramontane Am... *Volks Zeitung* came out the next day with a ...r on mass-meeting of the Amberg Catholics, ...the purpose of protesting against the steps ...taken by the Government. The paper was ...ce confiscated. The founding of more old ...holic congregations is reported from various ...ns and villages of Bavaria, many of which ...e a goodly show of members. The public ex... of the prince only subject to the Bordeaux ...agement for the establishment and maintenance of a Democratic form of Government in ...ce. Any authorized attempt which may be ...de to the restoration of the ...merely absolves them from the ...ration, and they will proceed to take up ...s. Gambetta's recent voyage to Bordeaux ...ked an undertaking with Republican leaders ...the subject of supplies. Money, arms, ammunition, and all other necessaries ...sists of war were on hand, and then follow... the pledging or formation of a resolution to ...e effect that if a civil war should be determined ...the fight would be continued, and that Repub... ...as shall, in the meantime, maintain their ...ganization for future possibilities. ...ould M. Pouyer Quertier retire from the Min... M. Picard will succeed to the office.

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...ris, Jan. 27.—The plan of a Republican ...stituency uprising has been organized over ...e whole territory of South France. The move... ...t was held ready for immediate commence... in case Thiers' resignation of the Presi... ...ency required the appointment of the Duke ...umale or Marshal MeMahon to the chief ...dority of the Executive. The Republicans ...y the prince only subject to the Bordeaux ...agement for the establishment and maintenance of a Democratic form of Government in ...ce. Any authorized attempt which may be ...de to the restoration of the ...merely absolves them from the ...ration, and they will proceed to take up ...s. Gambetta's recent voyage to Bordeaux ...ked an undertaking with Republican leaders ...the subject of supplies. Money, arms, ammunition, and all other necessaries ...sists of war were on hand, and then follow... the pledging or formation of a resolution to ...e effect that if a civil war should be determined ...the fight would be continued, and that Repub... ...as shall, in the meantime, maintain their ...ganization for future possibilities. ...ould M. Pouyer Quertier retire from the Min... M. Picard will succeed to the office.

...ANCE, Jan. 28.—Despatch from Frohsdorf ...s nothing is known there of the alleged ap... ...aching visit of Count de Paris to Count de ...mbord.

GREAT BRITAIN.

...LONDON, Jan. 28.—The Prince of Wales contem... ...tes a sea voyage as soon as pleasant weather ...ers. The royal yacht Victoria and Albert ...s being refitted for the Prince's convenience, ...d during the month of April His Royal High... will embark for a cruise in the Mediterranean ...d to the Madeira Islands.

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria will not, as has ...en stated, open the approaching session of Par... ...ment in person.

A messenger left the Foreign Office, yesterday, ...h important despatches for Lord Lyons, British Ambassador to France. These despatches ...e definitely the attitude of the English Gov... ...ment with regard to the commercial treaty ...tween the two nations, and are intended to ...tify misapprehensions which have prevailed ...France as to the position of England upon the ...bject.

ITALY.

...ROME, Jan. 28.—The Pope yesterday granted ...n audience to the Grand Duke Michael, ...other of the Czar of Russia. This is re... ...arded as indicative of a reconciliation of ...fference which have existed between His ...ajesty and the Czar. It is reported that ...e Pope will, in return for permission to refill the ...ant Polish Episcopal sees, expressly sanction ...e adoption of the Russian language in Roman ...atholic Churches of those provinces, with the ...ixed population, lying between Russia proper ...d Poland proper.

OHIO.

Cincinnati Yearns for the Grand Duke—A Verdict of Guilty in the Check Murder Case—How Kentucky Favors Cincinnati's Pet Railroad Scheme.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—The movement to invite Grand Duke Alexis to visit Cincinnati in behalf of the citizens has taken definite and essential shape, and a Committee ...Henry Probasco as Chairman, ...ill proceed to Louisville to-morrow night to per... ...anally confer for him the details of his visit. He ...ill be entertained at the Burnett House, ...here a grand ball will occur. The number of ...vitations will be limited to 500.

The jury in the case of McDonald Cheek, for the murder of his father-in-law, Thomas Harrison, ...the Lexington Circuit Court, this week, gave a ...erdict at 9 o'clock this afternoon, in Brookville, of wilful murder in the first degree, and sentenced him to be hanged. This was a second trial with a ver... ...ict similar to the first. The result is the more significant inasmuch as the testimony regarded as strong in favor of Cheek was presented at this ...rial that before did not go to the jury.

The charter granted by the Kentucky Legisla... ...ture to the Cincinnati Southern Railroad provides for the survey of one or more routes from ...Richmondville and Danville, in the direction of ...Jamestown, the choice of routes to be made by ...the people of Cincinnati, and imposes a per capita ...tax of 50 cents on each passenger across the ...Kentucky line. This will be collected at the office of the company in Cincinnati, and one cent per 100 pounds on through freight. The *Commercial* this morning says of the latter that it is in effect a black-mail demand, and the insolence of it is not less remarkable than its illegality. We do not suppose there are many persons in Kentucky, in or out of the Legislature, who expect its tax to be paid.

It is reported that trains will pass over the Newport and Cincinnati Bridge next week. The small-pox here is rapidly disappearing. The death-rate last week was over 5 per cent less than the preceding seven days.

Examination at the Soldiers' Orphans' Home—Verdict Against a Distiller—Fatal Accident.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 27.—The Examining Committee of the National Military Asylums visited the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, yesterday, for the purpose of examining the physical condition of the inmates, with a view of reducing the number at that point.

The United States Court yesterday, in the case of the United State *vs.* Peter Schwab and his surety, in recovered $50,000 for an alleged violation of his distillery bond in the non-payment of taxes, a verdict was rendered in favor of the Government.

John Lee, the driver of a transfer wagon, was run over by an engine at the Little Miami freight depot, yesterday evening, and instantly killed. His body was horribly bruised, his head being almost severed from his shoulders.

WISCONSIN.

Death from Laudanum at Chippewa Falls—Political Opposition to the Chicago Relief Bill.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 28.—H. T. Ramsey, a prominent citizen of La Crosse, died at Chippewa Falls yesterday p. m. from an over dose of laudanum, taken to produce sleep, while suffering from a severe neuralgic pain.

In the Democratic City Conventions yesterday afternoon each ward was well represented. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the enactment of the bill now pending in the Wisconsin Legislature, known as the Temperance bill. The principal object of the Convention is to unite the Democracy of the city—Germans and Irish.

The Mercantile Association of this city has issued resolutions opposing the enactment of the bill now pending in Congress for the remission of duties on material used in rebuilding the burnt district of Chicago. They deem such a course detrimental to home industry, especially to Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, where the lumber capital invested and thousands of persons engaged in manufacturing lumber, brick, and other building material, and calling on the Senators and Representatives of Wisconsin to oppose the bill.

Telegraphic Summary.

Edward Hammond, the last of the Dartmoor prisoners, died in Lynn, Mass., on Thursday, aged 86.

Hon. Norman S. Eddy, Secretary of State of Indiana, died suddenly yesterday morning at his residence in Indianapolis, of heart disease.

Wm. Walker, Frank Osborn, James Johnson, and Thomas Camp, the latter a murderer, broke jail at Princeton, Ind., on Saturday, and are still at large.

Great excitement exists in Allegheny City over the discovery of a haunted house on Esplanade street. The house has until lately been occupied by the Chief of Police of that city. He and other men of undoubted veracity testify in positive terms to the nightly visitation of spirits. The citizens are forming a club to investigate.

—Mrs. Anna Stephenson, 70 years of age, was burned to death at New Albany, Ind., on Sunday. She was found in the house lying on the floor, near the stove, with her clothing nearly all burned off and her limbs burned to a crisp. It is supposed that she fell asleep in her chair, near the stove, and that her clothing caught fire in that situation.

—At 1 o'clock yesterday p. m. a fire broke out in John A. Smith's restaurant, at Faribault, Minn., while the proprietor was at dinner. When discovered the fire was beyond control. From the restaurant the fire spread along on the same side of the street, burning Hill's furniture store, a meat market, and a saloon. The fire was stopped by tearing down a small wooden building. Loss about $5,000. Well insured.

Colonel George Keller Leet, of New York Custom House notoriety, was in 1852 message boy in the Morse & Reilly Telegraph Company's office in Kittsburgh. He was about 15 years old. He had no education, and was noted for his uncleanliness. He is naturally a fine seaman; was given a clerkship in the office of the Pittsburgh Railroad, where he remained until 1861, when he accepted a like position in the office of the Fort Wayne Road at Chicago, under Joseph D. Bradley. At the breaking out of the war he joined the Chicago Board of Trade Battery, and was made Adjutant of the regiment, and was afterward appointed on Grant's staff. This piece of authentic history may be of interest at present.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BATEMAN'S CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Statements in defense of District Attorney Bateman, of Cincinnati, are already been made in the Department of Justice, and the understanding is that written explanations and counter-charges will soon be submitted. The latter are aimed at certain parties connected with what is known as the Plank Road Distillery case.

CUSTOM HOUSE WICKEDNESS.

Senator Stewart has arrived from New York. Among his friends he does not attempt to defend the Custom House practices, but says that, in his opinion, there is a pressing need of reform.

GAMBLERS PERSECUTED.

Nine persons have been indicted, by the Grand Jury here for keeping gambling houses, and just now sporting circles are greatly excited. All the principal houses have been raided by the police, and the furniture of several of the most fashionable is advertised to be sold at auction.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

Judge Carter, of the Supreme Court of this District, yesterday discharged a man on *habeas corpus* who had been imprisoned for not paying a fine of $225 for soliciting orders for merchandise by sample. In every case of this kind here, and in this vicinity, the arrested persons have been discharged upon a first hearing.

ALABAMA SENATORSHIP.

Spencer, of Alabama, announces to his friends that the withdrawal of Warner as Collector of Mobile will secure his (Spencer's) re-election to the Senate for six years. It will enable him to control fifty-eight appointments, of more value than all the rest of the Federal patronage in the State.

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

General Logan will attempt to secure action upon the Chicago Relief bill to-morrow; but as Chandler and those acting with him are determined so oppose it, the chances of doing anything with it to-morrow do not seem good.

SUPPRESSION.

A notable instance of suppression in the *Globe* of such passages as make Senators appear at a disadvantage occurred yesterday. In Friday's debate on final adjournment Mr. Conkling repeatedly cried "Question," "question," in the Syracuse Convention style, and Senator Hamlin called for the singing of "Old Hundred." All allusions to these things were carefully excluded from the *Globe*.

DISTILLERS' CLAIM.

A memorial of J. W. Gaff, President of the Distillers' and Manufacturers' Company, of Cincinnati, is on file in the House, praying for the refunding of all expenses incurred on account of the Tice metres, and setting forth reasons therefor. The will be presented to the House by Mr. Stevenson to-morrow, together with a bill providing that all moneys paid by distillers on account of the purchase, freight, cost or establishment of the Tice metre, be refunded, and making an appropriation sufficient to cover the amount to carry this bill into effect. It will require three or four thousand dollars. The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that of the five hundred and twenty-two metres contracted for only ninety-six were ever attached. Colonel Schlater, of Ohio, and others represent the distillers.

POLITICAL.

The National Republican Committee here have received remonstrances from citizens of Georgia protesting against the action of the Central State Committee in deciding not to call a convention to elect delegates to the Philadelphia Convention, and assuming to appoint such delegates. The remonstrants assert that the people will ignore this action and call a convention.

TREASURY PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Assistant Treasurer at New York to purchase $1,000,000 of bonds on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of February, or $3,000,000 in all, and sell $1,000,000 of gold on the second and fourth Thursdays, or $2,000,000 in all.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION.

It is said, among Republican members of the House of Representatives that the House will pass the Senate resolution for the adjournment of Congress on the 20th of May. The Committee on Appropriations is making more haste than heretofore with this view.

THE COOLIE TRADE.

Reports from official sources in China are to the effect that the atrocities of the coolie slave trade, which have recently been brought to public cognisance, will arrest attention and excite horror wherever the English language is spoken; and a hope is expressed that the concurrent opinion and action of all Christendom will establish such a hollow sham as to render all of the pretenses of the emigration inevitably tending to the slave trade impossible.

Leading members of the House say there is no probability of Utah being admitted as a State, as no Territory having a less population than the Federal ratio, can gain admission.

The Sub-Committee of Ways and Means propose to report a bill allowing materials used in the construction of iron steamships to be admitted free of duty.

COOLIES IN CUBA.

There have been 169,000 coolies introduced into Cuba since 1847.

ILLINOIS.

Springfield Out in the Cold—Pastoral Call.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 28.—The people of this section of the State are familiar with the sudden changes in the temperature of the weather, but the fearfully sudden and severe change from moderately cool weather yesterday to the intense ...ly cold weather to-day, has not had its equal for many years. It was almost impossible to face the wind any length of time to-day, however warmly clad, without a great chance of the freezing of some member of the body. The result has been that the attendance at public worship has been very slim, many services closing without the usual sermon, and in many churches the evening services were entirely dispensed with. A strong, penetrating wind has been blowing from the west all day. There is but little doubt that many instances of death by freezing will be reported if this remarkable cold change in the weather is general throughout the country.

Rev. J. K. McLean, pastor of the Congregational denomination in this city, to-day resigned his charge, and will accept a call to Oakland, Cal., at a salary of $4,000 in gold.

NEW YORK.

VANDERBILT'S MANŒUVRE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The committee of citizens has rejected Commodore Vanderbilt's plan for regulating the track of the Harlem Railroad on Fourth avenue, and insist upon the road being placed underground, for which they will appeal to the Legislature.

HORSE DISEASE.

Spinal meningitis is raging among horses in this city. The best constructed and appointed stables are visited by it. And a fearful death-rate has been the result.

MORE ROTTENNESS.

The Grand Jury of Hudson County, New Jersey, has found "a true bill" against Hunstead, of the Board of Public Works; Fire Commissioner Thomas Fielder; Chief of Police McWilliams; Police Captain Mooney, and a number of other Republican politicians charged with ring jobs.

FORTUNE, FITZ-J.

General Fitz-John Porter has been appointed Superintendent of Works for the New Jersey new State Lunatic Asylum at Morristown.

EUROPE.

"An Havana letter says: President Cespedes is suffering from an affection of the eyes, with danger of blindness.

GUN AGAINST THE ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILROAD.

In the suit of John J. Townsend and Egerton Hutchinson against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, to recover $93,100 in coin, which plaintiffs allege defendants owe them on bonds, defendants demurred to complaint on the ground that, as it is bonds themselves which the company has agreed to pay, they have a right on their face are to be paid in lawful money. Plaintiffs have no cause for action for coin, as United States national currency and greenbacks are lawful money and legal tender, by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Woodruff has sustained a demurrer, but gives leave to plaintiffs to amend their complaint.

SUICIDES.

Alfred East, an Englishman, 25 years old, who boarded at the same house, and lodged in the same room in Brooklyn with Professor Pancrino, who was murdered last week, blew his brains out this morning. East left a letter asserting his innocence of any connection with the Panerno murder. It is said that East was unfortunate in recent speculations.

East has exhibited great signs of fear since Panerno's assassination, and seemed to imagine the detectives after him, but the lady of the house is sure he was in on the night of the murder. The letter left by the suicide says: "It is God's will that I shall appear before him. He knows I am innocent of murder. With regard to this fool Panerno, may He in time bring to justice the perpetrator of this misfortune. I have contemplated this for some time. I have dreaded the threats and derisions of my enemies. I have done some wrongs in this world, but, thank God, have never spilled a drop of man's blood."

STATE LEGISLATURES.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 27.—Governor Woods to-day returned to the Legislative Assembly the act for holding a Convention to prepare a Constitution for the admission of Utah, without his approval. He suggests that the organic act of Utah contemplates only such matters as relate to the domestic concerns of the Territory, and no power is therein given to abolish one form of governments and adopt another. The power that created it alone can destroy it, unless specially authority from Congress. The Territorial Legislature is restricted as to time, and the subject of admission. Further, Utah having never had the required population, under the apportionment, is not represented in Congress, and he thinks it would be well to await the pleasure of the General Government. The Governor, in conclusion, says: "To become a State in the Union is not a right, but a privilege. Good judgment would, therefore, require that before any Convention should be called, Utah should place herself in harmonious relations with the General Government. The first and highest duty of citizens is obedience to law. All violations of the law of Congress should cease. Polygamy should be abandoned, and laws should be enacted by you in accord with the laws of Congress upon that subject. Until it is done the people of Utah cannot expect, nor should they ask, admission as a State. Religious toleration in the United States is as broad as the winds of heaven. It is the Government cannot tolerate church dogmas, which set at naught its statutes. It is to be regretted that a difference of opinion should exist in matters of legislation between the Legislative and Executive Departments, but it is my duty to interpret the law as I understand it, and shall be my course of action."

The Governor's veto message to the House created much excitement. Members pressed themselves with bitter invective. Taylor, one of the Apostles, exclaimed, "Are we considered Jews that we serfs? Have we considered ourselves criminal by putting power into the hands of the people to ask for admission into the Union." The polygamy clause of the message," said he, "I consider its only sin is in us. It is worn threadbare, and has become a stink in the nostrils of all respectable people. What laws have we violated? Where are the witnesses? Why are we not punished for it. Even murderers are brought to testify against us, and every means used to prove us guilty of polygamy. If contrary to the Constitution or laws of the United States, why don't the Federal Judges prosecute us for the United States laws? Is this House to be insulted by such charges as are contained in the document from the Governor? I spit upon it. Here is my face, and behind it is a falsehood." [Voices—"Hear, hear!" "We are American citizens, and demand the rights of such."]

Jas. W. Young didn't care a snap for the veto. He asked no odds of the Governor or any other man.

Mr. Rockwood said they had been abused long enough. He would gladly die a martyr to the Mormon cause. If any blood of the forefathers of '76 was in the Assembly they would at once resent the insult.

On motion of J. W. Young, a Committee of three to confer with a similar Committee from the Council, was appointed to draw a joint resolution for the purposes named in the vetoed act. The Committee are instructed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the House in regard to the offensive charges of the Governor's veto message.

NORTH CAROLINA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A Raleigh special says one hundred of the Legislature have offered a reward of $10,000 for the arrest of Henry B. Lowray, and $5,000 for each of his gang of outlaws, or $50,000 in all.

A Conservative caucus has nominated General Mat. W. Ransom (Democrat) for United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by Pearce's resignation. This is equivalent to the election of a Republican. The State Convention meets at Raleigh April 17, and a Conservative ditto at Greensboro, May 1.

MISSOURI.

Destructive Fire in St. Louis—Celebration of Tom Paine's Birthday—Alexis Attends Sabbath School—A Frenzied Episode—Cold Weather.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—A fire broke out in the extensive works of the St. Louis Brass and Hardware Manufacturing Company, 809 North Second street, at 5 o'clock this morning, and extended to the planing and dressing mill of D. Mallinckrodt & Co. on one side and the tobacco factory and Moran & Powell on the other. All the buildings were entirely destroyed. Loss on brass foundry, estimated at $127,000; insured for $62,000. Loss of Hattrell & Co., about $20,000; insurance unknown. Loss of Moran & Powell, $15,000; insured for $7,000. The names of the companies sustaining the losses could not be ascertained.

A mass-meeting number of Rationalists and Spiritualists celebrated the one hundred and thirty-fifth birthday of Thomas Paine at Avetone Hall to-day. A petition to Congress protesting against the adoption of any amendment to the Federal Constitution specially recognising the divinity of Christ, was circulated, and generally signed by the audience.

The Grand Duke Alexis and Councilor Machin visited the Benton Mission Sunday School to-day, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, and addressed to the children. This event is specially noteworthy as it is the first time the Grand Duke has visited any school or church, other than the Greek Church, since he has been in this country.

An altercation occurred last Wednesday night at a variety saloon on Market street, which was kept by one Newton, between Taylor, manager of the Stage Company and a man named Taylor, which was amicably arranged; but subsequently the same parties met, and Taylor cut and killed a man named Merrill, a friend of Taylor's, whereupon Taylor shot and killed the stranger.

The weather turned very cold last night, and to-day has been the coldest of the season, the mercury standing in the neighborhood of zero, all day. The river is full of heavy ice, and navigation is suspended, except by ferry-boats. One or two more such days as to-day will very likely gorge the ice between the piers, and shut us off from Southern points, except by railroad.

Fatal Affray in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 28.—Henry Williams, a colored stone-mason, insulted an Italian woman, keeper of a fruit-stand, on Cherry street, this afternoon. William Hyronemus, a respectable citizen, interfered and was knocked down by Williams at the door of a saloon, and shot at Williams, but missed, and was again knocked down. Hyronemus, on arising, was advanced upon by Williams with a knife, when he coolly ...drawing his pistol, firing some four shots, eventually killing his assailant. A Coroner's inquest was immediately held and a verdict of justifiable homicide rendered. The affair created much excitement.

Death of a Murderer in Prison.

From the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen, Jan. 24.

Ebin O. Leach, sent from Coldwater in the year 1837, under a sentence of solitary confinement for life, for the crime of double murder, died at the State Prison last night, aged 50 years.

The crime of Leach will be well remembered. He killed his wife and her lawyer in cold blood, at Coldwater, in February, 1837. Mrs. Hamblin's wife had not lived together for years, and she had made application for a divorce. That evening, while leaving the lawyer's office, under escort of a Mr. Brown, a young attorney, who was a member of the firm who had taken Mrs. Leach's case, they were met on the sidewalk by Leach, who presented at her his revolver, fired, and his wife fell dead at his feet. The infuriated man then wheeled, fired at Brown with unerring aim, and the young lawyer dropped to the earth a corpse. The awful crime was but the work of a moment, and the double murder was committed in less time than it takes to write these words. The murderer then gave himself up. His trial soon followed, and he was speedily convicted, the evidence being overwhelming. In May he was sentenced to solitary confinement for life, and since then has been in prison here. Leach was a man of fine attainments, and a finished scholar, but for years had led a reckless life. His wife was a woman of great beauty and accomplishments, and was a sister of the Rev. M. A. Daugherty, formerly of this city. The awful crime created great excitement in the State at the time. The murderer was defended ably by W. L. Coffinbury, Esq., of St. Joseph County, while the prosecution was conducted by the Hon. Austin Blair, of this city, and the result was to consign Leach to prison for life.

Chihuahua Declared Independent.

From the Las Cruces Borderer.

A private letter to Don Jesus Alest, of this place, from the city of Chihuahua, brings the information that the State of Chihuahua has declared herself independent of the balance of the Republic, and will take measures to maintain her independence against all and all the factions now opposed against each other in Mexico.

The very important movement will undoubtedly end in results not contemplated by the leaders, but we believe the entering wedge once driven will sever forever her connection with the Mexican Republic. Those conversant with the history of Mexico will be struck with the similarity of the movement with the former action of Texas, and we predict a similar result.

The "Camp Grant Massacre."

From the Las Cruces Borderer.

With pleasure we learn that the jury in the "Camp Grant massacre" returned a verdict of not guilty, and that the persons accused of having killed 140 "friendly" Indians go hence without day as to said indictment.

It was proven on the trial that the Indians killed were not upon their reservation, and although fed by the Government, they were engaged in direct hostilities against the settlers.

—It is announced that the Marietta Railroad Company, in connection with the Ohio & Mississippi, propose to build a superb depot, between Sixth and Seventh streets, Central Avenue and Pearl and second streets, Cincinnati. The design is that the depot shall have 150 feet front, and be 700 feet deep.

THE FIRE LIMITS.

Meeting of German Workingmen to Discuss the Fire Ordinance.

Speeches by Dr. Schmidt and Others---Hesing Endorsed.

A meeting of Germans, under the auspices of the Arbeiter Society, was held at the Globe Theatre, yesterday afternoon, to take into consideration matters connected with the passage of the fire ordinance. The day was one of the most inclement of the season, which diminished the number in attendance. Probably not far from two hundred honored the meeting with their presence. Under more favorable circumstances, there is no doubt that this number would have been indefinitely increased.

Dr. Ernest Schmidt was called to the chair, and Joseph Greenhood acted as Secretary.

DR. SCHMIDT'S REMARKS.

Upon taking the chair, Dr. Schmidt said that the people had assembled there from all parts of the city to endorse the previous action of their brethren in reference to the fire limits ordinance. He was not prepared to endorse all that happened on the night when the North Siders visited the Council in procession. That demonstration ought never to have been attempted, because at such times the evil-disposed always take advantage of the occasion to make disturbance, and to the disgusting, horse-thief worthy it may be. It would have been better to have sent a delegation with good speakers, to whom the Council would undoubtedly have listened patiently and respectfully.

But he was in favor of all the attempts made to uphold the rights of the working people of this city. He was opposed to making fixed the boundaries of fire limits. He had taken good legal advice, and felt certain that a Court of supreme jurisdiction would reverse the decision, at which the Council seemed about to arrive. The speaker could not see how, said he, the alley behind him, a man could put a three-story frame house, while he himself was obliged to put up even a one-story brick house. A certain gentleman, of considerable religious pretensions, who once in a while did a good act with great ostentation, had put a lumber-yard into a building called the Arcade Building, caged it up with brick, and called it fire proof. A German would not have been allowed to put even a one-story frame building in that locality by the Board of Public Works; and yet this Christian gentleman was allowed to set the whole block on fire with his tinder-box. A friend of his, a German, desired to build on Wabash avenue a low stable of wood, and was refused permission by the Board of Public Works, and yet a Yankee has been allowed to repair a rotten wooden three-story house only a few paces from the street. There was not a single bit of old wood left in the city. Everything was to be new. Numerous instances could be found where the Board of Public Works had allowed wooden buildings to be put up within the fire limits. That Board was a ROTTEN CORPSE,

and had caused a great deal of trouble by allowing the erection of questionable buildings to their favorites.

The idea of Dr. Schmidt seemed to be that a fire ordinance should consider the value of property, and allow cheap buildings to be put up on lots of little value. Yet such a construction of principle would always be a dead letter on the books. A wooden building one story and base-ment high, twenty feet wide, and forty feet deep, would not be dangerous to the neighborhood in which it was placed, and the privilege to put up buildings like this ought to be allowed to poor people.

REMARKS OF MR. RAPP.

Mr. Rapp, editor and chief editor of the *Staats Zeitung*, succeeded Dr. Schmidt on the platform. He said he had but just arrived in Chicago, and was astonished to see what had already been done in the way of rebuilding. It was the workingmen and not the capitalists who had made Chicago prosperous. In Baltimore the Germans of the North Side were looked upon as representing and fighting for a great principle—the rights of the working-man. In establishing the right of every workingman to build and to occupy a homestead of his own. In New York, workingmen from Europe had no homes, but were crowded together in tenement houses in a most uncomfortable and demoralizing way. Every man should be allowed to have a home of his own, for unless he had he could not do his appropriate work and fill properly his allotted sphere. The habits of crowding men and women together in large numbers in tenement houses was demoralizing in the extreme, and ought to be discontinued.

MR. VOCKE'S REMARKS.

Mr. Vocke, member of the Legislature, said that all that he knew of the differently growing out of the fire limits controversy he had learned from the public prints. The Germans of the North Side were perfectly right in resisting the proposed fire ordinance. By digging in the ground the Germans had saved a part of the Sixteenth Ward from the flames, which showed that if you gave poor people homes, and half a chance, they could find means to save them from the conflagration.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were presented:

Resolved, That we fully endorse everything done by the Inhabitants of the North Side of the city in opposition to the fire ordinance now before the Common Council. We also fully endorse the conduct of A. C. Hesing in regard to this affair, for we have the knowledge that he has been acting in the interests of his fellow-citizens, and not of others, other than the people.

Resolved, That we expect that the Common Council will show a proper regard for the interests of the small property-holders of the city in the matter of building of their houses, in connection, and also as regards the homes to be erected for the workingmen who will now flock to our city.

Resolved, That we are prepared to act in common with all other citizens, without regard to their nationality, in order to make effective the principles hereof declared.

The resolutions were adopted with considerable enthusiasm.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

There were two needless alarms of fire yesterday afternoon—Box No. 69, for the burning out of a chimney, and Box No. 51, for the explosion of a gas-meter.

—Mat Walsh, the well-known saloon-keeper, fell down on Fourth avenue, near Polk street, yesterday afternoon, and broke his left leg.

—The Coroner held an inquest yesterday on the body of Ernest Englebait, aged 15 years, who became ill on Friday morning and died on Saturday afternoon. Epilepsy caused his demise.

—A thief made a brief call at the residence of John McDermott, No. 244 Fulton street, on Saturday night, and left without disturbing the inmates of the house that he had borrowed Mr. McD.'s pocket-book, which contained $240 in cash and a check on the Second National Bank for $136.

CONNECTICUT.

The Republican State Convention.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Republican State Convention of Connecticut, held at Hartford, Jan. 24:

First, We again express our cordial adherence to the doctrines and principles of the Republican party as manifested in our former statements and in the National platforms; and we reflect with increasing pride upon its wonderful work. It proved that a free Government, based on the will and affection of a free people, is the strongest known form of government. It suppressed a great rebellion, freed millions of laborers, established equal rights, perfected the National Constitution, and justified the Declaration of Independence. By its great reduction of the army and navy, the party proved that it had neither desire nor purpose of war. By its payment of a great debt for the best reason a nation ever gave it, it resolutely began an immediate reduction of that debt. Yet the debt is so great that its interest is now yearly cutting down taxation. Notwithstanding the marvellous sacrifices of men and money the nation has steadily grown in wealth and population.

Second, During the existing Administration the debt has been reduced nearly $300,000,000; peace and order have made great progress in the lately rebellious regions; a new policy toward the Indians has been adopted, marked by firmness, justice, and good faith; the rights of all, especially the poor and friendless of whatever race or wherever found, have been scrupulously protected; a self-respecting peaceable policy has been pursued toward all the world, and our controversy with Great Britain has been treated in a manner honorable and creditable to a nation.

Third, That we have undiminished confidence in the patriotism, integrity, and ability of President Grant, and for great and good work done in the country's behalf, we heartily thank him and his Cabinet, and the two Houses of Congress.

Fourth, Believing that the future is as the past to deserve and keep its lead of the world. The Republican party must be free to examine and criticise, and utterly without fear, favor, or favor, in attacking all fraud, dishonor, and corruption, Legislative, Executive, or Judicial, in the Nation or State. We demand economy, industry, and honesty in our political affairs, and rejoice at the brightening prospect of a thorough reform of the Civil Service. For the President's efforts and policies in this matter, we tender him our cordial thanks, and therein we pledge him an enthusiastic, unwavering support.

Fifth, In national affairs, we urge, first, a large reduction of taxation; second, constant study and labor to bring about a resumption of specie payments, that the evil of a depreciated paper currency may be removed, and the best possible measure of value furnished us; third, retaining a tariff sufficient to raise the needed revenue, as we would have it carefully adjusted to favor American industry, working rather to increase than to lessen the number of those employed and limited pursuits; fourth, a perfected system of National Banks, with abundant security to the bill-holder, and inflexible and persentory laws for prompt redemption; fifth, the abolition of the franking privilege; sixth, that public lands shall no more be granted to corporations, but given in limited quantities to actual settlers.

Sixth, For fifteen years the Republican party has controlled the legislation of Connecticut. Let the record show whether it is the friend and promoter of peace, law, order, charity, temperance, industry, education. What it has been it will be, only better. To any measure that, on mature deliberation, promises to aid the interests of temperance, education, and labor we will give our earnest support.

Seventh, We unreservedly commend the General Assembly for its firm execution of a Constitutional process in correcting infamous election frauds last year. To the best of its ability the Republican party saw to it that every honest vote, and none other, was counted once, but as many more, the happy ruin of the Tammany Ring encouraged us to believe that the work will be easier hereafter.

Eighth, That, in addition to the legitimate duties and rights of counsel and citizens in appearing before the legislative Committees and urging action upon the Legislature, there have grown up corrupt and dangerous practices in the lobby which call for a renewal of the watchfulness in the Legislatures, and a higher tone of public sentiment.

Ninth, That it is the duty of the States to be vigilant in the protection of the rights and interests of the people against the encroachment of powerful corporations, and particularly in holding corporations strictly to the responsibilities and duties contemplated in their charters.

Tenth, While we adhere to the fundamental principles which have brought unparalleled success to our country, and believing that only a Republic should exist on this Continent, we would urge upon our Representatives in Congress to keep before them the great ideas of liberty and Freedom, which have been so identified with our great party of progress from its birth; and we would earnestly desire to extend all sympathy and aid, consistent with our ability, to other nations and peoples struggling to be free.

Eleventh, We unqualifiedly approve of the Administration of Governor Jewell and his associates, of which we give the highest evidence in each power by unanimously recommending them for re-election and pledging our hearty support to that end.

The hereby matter of electing a delegate-at-large to the National Convention from the several districts came up, some opposition was expressed to the selection of Bartlett Bent, Esq., who was the leading candidate, on the ground that he was a Post-office officeholder, being Postmaster at Middletown, though all the speakers warmly commended him as an earnest, true Republican, who, as Chairman of the State Committee, has done excellent work. A ballot was ordered to determine the result, and, 170 votes being necessary to a choice, no selection was made, the vote standing: Bartlett Bent, 143; Charles Parker, of Meriden, 121; Wm. Fitch, of New Haven, 47; 18 scattering. Mr. Fitch's name was then withdrawn, and on the next ballot Mr. Bent was elected, receiving 169 votes to 1 for Charles Parker, and nine scattering. There was no pronounced opposition in the selection of other delegates, and the whole delegation was left to attend the National Convention uninstructed. In accordance with the general expressions of the caucus last evening, The list of delegates is as follows: J. H. Platt, of New Haven elected for the First Congressional District by acclamation; Bartlett Bent from the Second; Lubin L. Sayles from the Third, and John Tweedy, of Danbury, from the Fourth. At Large—James D. Peary, Hartford County; Charles Perkey, New Haven County; Daniel Chadwick, New London; Jared E. Redfield, Middlesex; Lucius S. Fuller, Poland; Joseph P. Calhoun, Litchfield; Joel M. Bulkley, Fairfield; George S. Moulton, Windham.

Small-Pox Excitement at Mason, Michigan.

From the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen, Jan. 24.

The usually quiet village of Mason was thrown into a fever of excitement, yesterday morning, over certain wild rumors to the effect that a small-pox corpse had been found unburied in a graveyard some four miles west of the village. The sensations of the villagers can be imagined when a farmer from the west went to the Sheriff and told him that he had himself seen a coffin in a graveyard aforesaid, with a label bearing the words "small-pox" upon it.

Sheriff Spears, when he had

DR. STAPLES' LITTLE CHURCH.

Dedication of the New Edifice of the Third Unitarian Society.

Interesting Sermon by Rev. Rush Shippen, of Boston.

Some Congratulatory Remarks by Rev. Robert Laird Collier.

Yesterday morning an account of the rise and progress of Dr. Staples' pretty little church on the corner of Montroe and Laflin streets was published in THE TRIBUNE, together with a programme of the exercises of dedication reserved for yesterday. How the latter were performed may be learned from the following: The services were to have commenced punctually at 10:30 o'clock, but, owing to the incessant arrival of persons anxious to participate in the exercises, the opening voluntary by the choir was delayed for nearly half an hour. By the time the church had been filled to its extreme limit the were more than one thousand persons in it.

The platform at the north end was decorated with great taste, flowers and evergreens forming a complete screen from the desk to the steps on each side. A floral cross at the head of the main aisle was also a pretty and artistic arrangement.

On the speaker's platform were seated the Rev. R. R. Shippen, of Boston; the Rev. Robert Collyer, the Rev. Robert Laird Collier, the Rev. C. L. Staples, and the Rev. C. W. Wendte.

OPENING EXERCISES.

The exercises opened with the singing of a voluntary by the choir, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. R. Laird Collier. A hymn by the choir followed, after which the whole congregation, together with the pastor, read the following

ACT OF DEDICATION.

We dedicate this house to the worship of the God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all: to the religion of Jesus Christ, and to the exercise of reason and private judgment.

May this house be unto us none other than the house of God and the gate of Heaven.

Here may we worship Him who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Here may we learn to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The choir sung the hymn

Guide us, O, thou great Jehovah!

The Rev. C. W. Wendte read from the dedication of Solomon's Temple, and other appropriate passages from the Scriptures.

The first hymn in the book—

Before Jehovah's awful throne,

was then sung by the choir and congregation.

THE DEDICATORY SERMON.

The Rev. Rush Shippen, of Boston, then took his text from Mark xi: 23, "Be not faithless, but believing." Thomas, he said, to whom these words were addressed, was the doubting spirit. He had been absent on two previous occasions when Jesus appeared to the Disciples, and expressed doubt about it. He had asserted that, unless he could put his hands in the print of the nails he would not believe. Jesus did not thrust him away, but tried to rally his better self, saying, "Be not faithless, but believing." Even among the Apostles there was room for the doubter. This man who at last could preach the gospel, pierced by Parthian javelins, was as noble a martyr as any of them. And what was a doubter, but one who merely thought a matter over? He was not wicked, but he who shaded his eyes that he might more plainly see! The error of Thomas was doubting, and from doubting to unbelief is a short step. Every doubting should degenerate into the unbelief of the Sadducee. The very wonders of science were discovered through a double-edged process of light by water. Columbus and Luther owed their nobility to a doubt. Science is the Thomas of to-day. Science is doubting and questioning. It was the part of the Church to take the attitude, toward it, of the Master, and say: "Be not faithless, but believing."

There was room in religion for reverent doubt. The erection of the Unitarian standard caused by the exclusion of members shut out from other churches by bigotry, but rather because here they thought they could exhibit their ideal of a religious house, where they could practice a larger faith. It was frequently said that Unitarians held some little of the faith or others, only in less degree, good enough so far as it goes. The speaker repudiated this patronizing definition. The Unitarian faith was broader and deeper and richer than the current faiths of Christendom: and because these beliefs were too much of unbelief, they built the new church for the practice of a larger faith.

This appearance of a great faith was an unbelief to many. It was a faith in the soul of man. Ghosts dare not pass the church yard late at night. When his faith in himself is greater than his faith in ghosts; then his fear vanishes. So the faith of the passenger who relied on be helmsman at the wheel was great, but was it a greater faith than that which relied on the faith in the charts and compass, and the everlasting stars. The first principle of liberal Christianity was faith in the truth which becomes practical perfection in life. We take the Master's test and say, "By their fruits shall ye know them." Therefore we make our Church larger, and plan it to be Church universal. Thus, when Episcopalian or Catholic says, "Observe the strictness of our faith," we say, "Our Church is the Church universal, which embraces all that is good in yours and all others." This faith made theology the science of Divine life, and religion not a matter of creeds. Theology was no more battling with windmills or flying to the polar sea, but the science of a right living.

The world professed to believe in God, but it had not half found the faith of God as declared in the Bible. A few months ago the speaker was traveling on a train, and opened a book, intending to impress his evangelism on the speaker, saying that this talk of God in nature was nonsense, and namby-pamby. A gentleman sat by his side, and said: "I am a preacher on Brooklyn Heights who said 'God was Love,' and a deacon of my church said he was his God." That preacher forgot the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father which art in heaven." Jesus spoke of God as a living Father. "Behold the lilies of the field, they toil not, neither do they spin."

In Rome could be seen the theology of the middle ages painted by Michael Angelo—the poor human beings struggling for a better life, and Jesus on His throne thrusting them back. Christ never took such an attitude as that. He was ever ready to extend His hand to rescue and to save. The woman seeking the lost piece of silver; the man who left his ninety-nine sheep on the mountain, and went out to seek and to save, were only images of the Father's love.

Shakespeare had pictured the theology of his time in the most malignant of characters, whetting his knife for the pound of flesh. The theology of to-day made of God nothing but an Omnipotent Shylock.

Many a man who did intellectual homage to Christ committed the practical bungle by denying to Him the saving love which was His. Unitarianism paid to Christ the loftiest homage by taking Him as the highest model of human perfection. When they preached Jesus practically, they offered to Him the highest worship. Their faith was not in a myth the *Independent* said eternal damnation was set as Orthodox doctrine. Eternal salvation was not a illiberal Christian patent. The same creed shortly be preached by them all. When the Church of the Messiah had been sold to Dr. Bartlett had preached upon him the text of Plymouth Church. He maintained that the Unitarian Church stood most boldly up for catholicity and philosophy. It was the only communion which made this a fundamental tenet.

STATISTICAL.

The pastor, the Rev. C. L. Staples, gave a few notices. He gave a few statistics as to the Sunday-school condition of the church, and he thought the right kind of a conclusion to the services would be a contribution. The whole church, with the land, cost $60,000. The church building alone cost $27,500. It was a young church, and to have kept up their worship for these past three years, and to have purchased and building the church was creditable. The lot cost $13,000, on which there was still a claim of $7,000, with five years to run. In addition to this there was a claim of $10,000 on the church, with five years to run. There was besides a floating debt of $5,000, which ought to be paid off at once. The American Unitarian Association had given $1,000, and since the fire had paid him a year's salary in advance, which had been generously given to the most pressing expenses of the church.

Contributions were then taken up in the good old Methodist (Episcopal) style, after which the other hymn was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced.

LINEN AS LEGAL TENDER.

A Circulating Medium of Shirts—How a Young Man from St. Louis Squared Accounts with His Creditors.

Soon after the fire, St. Louis, the great metropolis of the Mississippi, contributed one of its disinterested citizens to suffering Chicago. The personage was a young man of good address and plausible manners, who desired to aid in the restoration of our impoverished city. He was an artist in the fancy garments of gentlemen's shirts, a shirt-cutter, and it was at first supposed that he turned his benevolent face hitherward because he deemed the stock of shirts much depleted by the fire, and thought his services would be in demand. The name of the young artisan was Rankin, to which was prefixed the "front" name,—as A. Ward would have said,—of Robert. From recent developments it has been reasonably surmised that Robert left St. Louis in a hurry, and in authority in that city thought that his removal would redound to her welfare.

Upon the arrival of Robert over the Illinois line he immediately manipulated his shears at Tomlinson's, on the South Side. Rather from want of application, or because he lacked excellence essential to the shirt trade in that aristocratic locality, this business connection was soon severed. He then opened a furnishing goods store at Webber & Harkin's, on Madison street. For awhile all went on swimmingly. It may not be known to the general reader that the shirt trade requires a certain elasticity of conscience. Robert possessed this elasticity of conscience to a marked degree. He could promise the young man of fashion a dozen shirts with an air of such sincere veracity that it carried the most implicit confidence with it, and, when the young gent came for his wares, he could, with the most refreshing coolness, locate the undergarments at the laundry, although the stuff of which they were to be manufactured was still on the shelves of the linen-draper. Nor did the shirt-cutter lack originality of his own. He soon displayed in the most unmistakable style all the engaging peculiarities of the accomplished dead-beat. He would not go round to Mont Blanc in person himself with his master's interests as for identifying his master's interests thoroughly with his own. He trader upon the good name of his employers. Disturbed by the primitive idea in political economy of exchange in kind, he gave shirts in payment for his board bill, for a diamond pin, a gold watch, and the corner of Jefferson and Madison streets. Besides this unique compensation he ran up a long bill for delicacies which remained to the day and hour dated so far as is known to the writer of this confidential biography. He played upon the heart-strings of his landlady's daughter as a harp of a thousand strings. She played to him the part of a curb-stone broker leading the victims of merchandise to whom he gave his notes of hand with a lavish freedom that would have shamed Micawber. Now and then a shirt in process of construction for Robert was pinned to his own pocket; but seldom, this financial channel being carefully watched.

Robert's business connections continued undetected until the disappearance of several dozen shirts caused inquiry, which seemed likely to end in complete exposure. Then Robert secretly removed his effects. His departure was hastened by a visit from the enraged restaurateur, who threatened to lift him out of existence with the knife with which he usually cut beef-steak, if the claims of gentlemen thinking proper to receive a sovereign remedy for all ills, and unfortunate of matching their eyes and unfortunate of matching their eyes and pleasant words and sweet smiles be beguiled his landady of a handsome value, into which he stuffed as many shirts as he would conveniently contain, and, wearing a neat suit of clothes of which he had swindled a Madison street tailor, and having his pockets filled with the funds which he had made many persons, he took his graceful person away from the city of his adoption in a south-bound train. Robert was never in the shirt business since the restaurateur sits disconsolate among his skillets; the tears of his laundress drop bitterly into the suds which bubble in the tubs over her showy arms; the tailor compares himself to the senseless goose which hisses venomously as it sails along with its mate, and the landlady mumbles their depleted pocket books, and gnash their teeth in silence. If Robert returns to St. Louis, it is probable that the Mississippi will overflow its banks, and that the gentleman is no better than he ought to be, and let all good people of Chicago rejoice at his departure.

MORE NEW BUILDINGS.

Additions to the List Already Published.

The following list of new buildings in course of erection, under the supervision of Merriam & Street, architects, was necessarily omitted from the building article in our yesterday's issue:

Brick building, cut-stone trimmings, for H. S. McLean, on Michigan avenue, between Second and Fifth avenue. Basement and three stories 45x100 feet.

In rear of above, a brick building, 45x88 feet; basement and five stories.

For R. B. Appleby, cut-stone front and brick sides; basement and three-story building, 45x188 feet. Cost, $40,000. Located 152 Monroe street.

William Young's building, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Van Buren street; material, pressed brick; size, 100 feet 2 inches on Fifth avenue by 100 feet deep; four stories and basement.

Nathaniel Norton's building, on Washington street, cut-stone front, iron cornice; basement and four stories, 24x84 feet.

An office building for A. C. Pratt & Co., southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Madison street, of the following dimensions: On Madison 66 feet 6 inches on Fifth avenue; and basement, 12 feet high, divided into six offices. Principal story 14 feet high, divided into five offices. Second story 13 feet high, divided into 11 offices; third story 13 feet high, divided into 11 offices; fourth story, 11 feet high, divided into 11 offices. There are also five fire-proof vaults in the basement and three in the principal story. The whole building is to be finished with water and gas fixtures. There is to be a grand entrance to the offices fronting on Madison street, which communicates by a duplex elevator, and with the stories above. The hall is lighted by transom windows in the rear end, and from a large skylight. The front is to be constructed and faced with cut stone of an elaborate, but tasteful design. The front on Fifth avenue is of pressed brick, with cut stone window sills, pilasters, capitals, string courses, sill courses, and window dressings; taken as a whole it reflects great credit on the owners.

Double brick store on State street, 36 feet front, for C. T. Bowen & Co.; basement and three stories high; front of Racine pressed brick, with elaborate cut stone trimmings. Cost, $20,000. Most

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARYSHIP OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Notwithstanding the report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the nomination of Mr. Hale as Assistant Secretary of State might be withdrawn, no such announcement has been officially made, although it is said he will not be complied with. Mr. Fish has asked that it be retained for the present, and he understands the case, declaring that he understands the case can meet all charges which have been made.

THE CASE OF LEGATE.

There is general surprise and disgust among those who understand the case, at the manner in which Senators Pomeroy and Caldwell, of Kansas, have passed the nomination of the notorious Legate upon the President for Governor of Washington Territory. After securing the nomination by uniting in the Senate and insisting upon its confirmation they were able to secure it.

[To The Associated Press.]

CUSTOMS DECISION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Secretary of the Treasury affirms the decision of the Collector at Boston, in assessing a duty of 15 cents per lb. on cloth from girders imported by S. J. Gage, of Derby.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Dawes intends to call up the Senate resolution on Monday, fixing the time for final adjournment and urge its adoption. Heretofore he has opposed fixing an early day for adjournment, but inasmuch as the Senate has attempted to sleep concealed, he proposes to publish the fact and hold them to it.

THE FISHERY QUESTION.

General Butler finished his argument to-day before the Foreign Affairs Committee against the clause in the Washington Treaty. A canvass of the committee shows that two are against it, and three for it. Mr. Banks, Chairman of the committee, will exert his influence in powerful speech in favor of the fishery clause. Secretary of State is also working in its behalf.

THE APPORTIONMENT BILL.

Special canvass of the Senate shows that the apportionment bill, as it passed the House, will easily be adopted in the Senate.

THE VENEZUELAN OUTRAGES.

Chairmen of the Foreign Affairs Committees of both Houses have had a conference with Secretary of State relative to the relations between the United States and Venezuela. The action of the Venezuelan Government, in the seizure of the vessels of the American Transportation Company, together with the offensive attitude they have assumed with regard to our merchant men, has induced several prominent members to impress upon the Secretary of State the importance of dealing promptly with them. It is probable that Congress will request the President to demand, not only redress, but satisfaction, for repeated insults and acts of faith.

CUBA.

The propositions of Senator Blair and others, relative to the purchase of Cuba, it is well understood, are movements on their own responsibility, and are not yet known to the Administration. How much weight the latter may be induced to give to the suggestions of the Senators named remains to be seen.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

ILLINOIS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 27.—The House was rather thin this morning, and, therefore, went into the Committee of the Whole, where scanty members are of no consequence.

An attempt was made by Messrs. Roberts, of Pekin; Richardson, of Quincy, and Lee, of Peoria, to get up the bill introduced by the former, to secure to the cities of this State a proportionate representation in Boards of Supervisors. That which was once true of Chicago and Cook County, in time of Quincy and Adams, Springfield and Sangamon, Pekin and Tazewell, and other cities and counties. The effort to secure the consideration of this measure failed, owing to the opposition of the country members, who look on this as an attempt to deprive them of the power of managing county affairs, and of imposing taxes. They do not believe in the doctrine of the connection of taxation and representation.

The House then took up the act in regard to the descent of property, and spent the principal part of the forenoon on it, there being much discussion as to how much a surviving wife or husband should receive, and whether the present dower system should be done away with, and the survivor given an estate in fee simple of one-third of the realty. This matter of doing away with dower was discussed at length, and many seem to be in favor of getting rid of something whose special use seemed to be to cloud land titles. Since the House was exceedingly thin this afternoon, it was deemed advisable not to continue with this bill, and, therefore, the subject went over till next week.

The Administration list of candidates for State Officers to be nominated next May, is partly made out. It is headed by Governor Oglesby, whose willingness bows against Governor Palmer, who a candidate for renomination is not yet publicly announced. General B. J. Sweet, of Chicago, is to be State Treasurer, and Lippincott is to be reelected Auditor. The persons who are to be denominated for other State offices such as Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, &c., have not yet been officially designated, but soon will be. This nomination for Governor seems to be intended to heal the grief of the Logan party at the last election, and that for Treasurer to cure differences in another quarter.

The Senate to-day ordered its Revenue bill to a third reading, 25 to 7 two votes against it, and it will be passed early next week. In debate on this bill many changes have been proposed, but no amendment has been adopted which is in any respect material, and the principles of the bill have not been changed in the slightest degree.

Regular Report of Proceedings.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 27.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.

ARRESTEES.

Messrs. Bangs, Bishop, Bush, Carter, Donahue, Fuller, Gardner, Hamilton, Hunter, Jewett, Kerr, Langley, Reddick, Starne, and Willard.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REVENUE BILL RESUMED.

Mr. HUNTER called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to strike out the oath required by the bill, and to insert the constitutional oath.

Mr. UNDERWOOD said that the Constitution contemplated but one oath for all officers, and was intended to prevent the Legislature from prescribing the terms of oaths.

Mr. MCNULTA coincided with the opinion advanced by Mr. Underwood.

Mr. FULLER moved to lay the motion on the table. Lost—yeas, 4; nays, 27.

The motion to reconsider was carried by a decided majority.

Mr. Whitney's amendment was lost.

Mr. CRAWFORD offered an amendment, striking out section 14, and inserting the constitutional oath. Adopted.

A large number of unimportant amendments were offered by Mr. Whitney, all of which were rejected.

After the adoption of an amendment, by Mr. Washburn, authorizing a new assessment when the old assessment has been found to be grossly erroneous, Mr. Harlan moved the previous question, which was ordered, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

COUNTING RECORD BOOKS.

Mr. ALEXANDER introduced a bill to provide for counting record books, and changed record books.

After which no quorum appeared, and the Senate adjourned to Monday morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REFERRED.

The Justice of the Peace bill was referred to a Special Committee.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the bill to amend the general act of incorporation of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for improving the breeds of domestic animals, which was ordered reported back, with a recommendation that it pass. It was reported back and ordered to a third reading.

ASSAULT.

Mr. CAMPBELL moved to suspend the rules, to make his Legislative bill the special order for Thursday.

It was lost.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The House went into Committee of the Whole again.

Mr. ROBERTS moved to take up his bill to regulate the manner of electing Supervisors, intended to give the cities proper representation in those Boards.

The motion was lost.

The bill in regard to the descent of property was taken up, the pending question being Mr. Koerner's amendment, to give a widow, where there are children living, not the whole, but one-third, of the personalty.

Mr. BRISCOE offered an amendment to give her the whole—realty and personalty.

Mr. GILSON offered a substitute, letting the real estate of the wife go in fee simple to her descendants, subject to the life estate of the husband, and the real estate of the husband go to his, subject to the wife's right of dower.

The question was discussed at great length.

Mr. Koerner's substitute was lost.

So was Mr. Briscoe's, and so was Mr. Koerner's, and the clause was adopted.

Mr. SHAW then moved to amend the next clause, so as to give a widow, instead of a dower, an estate in fee of one-third of the real estate of the intestate.

IOWA.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Jan. 27.—In the Senate, bills were introduced to punish the issuing of false mortgages in certain cases, and to make an additional appropriation of $200,000 for the Insane Hospital at Independence.

A joint resolution and memorial to our members of Congress, in relation to the regulation of commerce by railroads, $250,000, instructing the Secretary of State to furnish the Chicago Law Institute with copies of all reports and session-laws in his hands, all of which were referred to the appropriate committees.

In the House a bill was introduced to prohibit the consideration of the bill providing for the repeal of the law which enables Iowa banks, cities and towns to vote aid to railroads, elicited a lengthy discussion. After several amendments, every one of which was voted down, the bill was postponed until Tuesday next. The friends of the bill intend to push it through before the recess, which commences Thursday next week.

In the House the Committee on Ways and Means presented a report on the cost of publishing the laws and bills in book form, and a substitute for the bill, cutting off all provisions for publishing the laws in papers, passed on file.

Bills were introduced and referred to the proper Committees, to prevent the manufacture and sale of dangerous illuminating fluids; to prevent the destruction of stock. This will make it unlawful for any person to discharge fire arms in any field of yard in which cattle or stock of any kind may be feeding, prohibiting Clerks of the Supreme, District or Circuit Courts practicing as attorneys or solicitors in such Courts, and preventing them from holding the office of Notary Public. The bill provides for the acknowledgment of the amount paid in satisfaction of mortgages on the margin of the record, under a certain form, with the fact of such payment acknowledged by the Auditor under the seal of his office.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 27.—The Kentucky Senate today passed the bill chartering the Cincinnati Southern Railway. The vote stood 103 to 105, Speaker Carlisle giving the casting vote in favor.

The House of Representatives to-day passed a resolution appointing a Committee of six, with the Speaker of the House as Chairman, to invite the Grand Duke to visit Frankfort, and tender him and his suite the privilege of the Hall of the House during their stay.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 27.—In the House, this morning, a bill was introduced to prohibit, under penalty, railroad companies from placing nauseous substance in any running stream, spring or well used for domestic purposes.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—Both houses of the Legislature have unanimously passed a bill authorizing St. Louis to issue $1,383,000 bonds for the extension and protection of water works.

Republican Convention at Fort Wayne.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Jan. 27.—The County Convention held here to-day nominated thirty delegates to the Republican State Conventions. Colonel H. W. Oakley, of this city, was recommended to the State Convention as a candidate for Treasurer; Colonel R. S. Robertson, of Fort Wayne, was recommended to the District Congressional Convention as a candidate for Congress. Resolutions called the attention of the Republicans of the Ninth District to the delinquencies lately in the hotels, halls, and railroad accommodations over other cities in the district, and asked that the Congressional Nominating Convention be held here. The Congressional Nominating Convention has never been held in Fort Wayne, and it is believed her claims will be recognized in the approaching Convention.

Clagerton and Wright.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 27.—Alexander Clagerton, who was arrested at Ft. Scott, on Jan. 25, for defrauding the Government while acting as Indian Pension Agent at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, under General W. S. Wright, was to-day taken before the United States Commissioner and his case continued for twelve days. General Wright sent despatches to W. G. Cotton, of this city, to-day, asking if any complaint was no indictment against Clagerton, and to secure his release and go his bail if necessary. Later in the day the United States Marshal received a telegram from the District Attorney in New York, saying that a certified copy of the indictment against Clagerton and bench warrants had been forwarded by mail. Clagerton is the main witness against Wright in his Indian difficulties. It is expected an attempt will be made to secure the prisoner's release on Habeas Corpus.

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The bank statement was unfavorable, showing a net loss of $1,705,500. The banks now hold $8,225,725 above the 25 per cent required by law. The following is a comparison of the average of the past and preceding weeks:

	LOANS.	
January 20		$379,925,200
January 27		380,261,700
Increase, difference		$1,346,100
	SPECIE.	
January 20		$27,695,900
January 27		25,956,700
Decrease, difference		$1,467,100
	CIRCULATION.	
January 20		$23,377,600
January 27		23,384,200
Increase, difference		$82,600
	DEPOSITS.	
January 20		$220,381,500
January 27		221,071,250
Increase, difference		$712,700
	LEGAL TENDER.	
January 20		$46,499,900
January 27		46,324,300
Increase, difference		$165,500
	MONEY.	

MONEY

opened easy, but was more active toward the close. It was reported that artificial means to tighten the market were used by those conducting the upward speculation in gold. The closing rate was 7 per cent.

GOLD

opened at 109¾, and advanced on heavy purchases by Wall street parties. The business was larger than for some months past. Some of the foreign bankers are short of Government bonds and long of gold, but their position is likely to be reversed at any moment. Some of the speculators are bulling gold to depress prices in the stock market. The price advanced to 109¾, and closed strong at that figure. The rates for carrying were 6, 9, 3½, 5, 7, and 9 per cent.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were strong, on a moderate amount of business. Some of the foreign bankers seem disposed to make speculative sales, their operations covering both the home and foreign markets. Central Pacific bonds closed at 102@102¾, and Unions at 121@93 for firsts, 83@88 for land grants, 67¾@87¾ for incomes, and 37½@38½ for stock.

THE STOCK MARKET

was heavy, and there was a general decline in prices. There were indications that the speculator who sold, on Wednesday and Thursday, between 20,000 and 100,000 shares of stock, which he bought soon after the Chicago fire, is about entering on a bear campaign. He controls almost completely the Hannibal & St. Joseph stocks, and used them effectively this afternoon to break down the remainder of the market. The shares fell off 2½ to 4½ per cent; the common stock declined from 51¾ to 47¾, and closed at 48, while the preferred stock declined from 80¾ to 69¾, closing at 65. At the final close there was a firmer feeling in the general market, and a slight recovery from the extreme depression of the afternoon.

BREADSTUFFS.

The market for flour opened very dull, but heavy for the low and medium grades, under the less favorable news from Liverpool; but large holders refused to sell at the decline. They the close the markets was quiet but steady. Holders of wheat were generally firm. Prices were above the views of shippers, and sales were light. The demand was fair for milling. Corn was quite active and firm; the demand was chiefly for export, though fair for the trade.

To the Associated Press.

THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—In the suit brought by Sheldon against Collector Murphy to recover a political assessment of two per cent of his salary, the complaint has been discontinued on the ground that the assessments were voluntary. It is stated that during the assessments had been made; that in some instances he had repaid money.

THE COOPERS' STRIKE.

The Produce Exchange held a meeting to-day in regard to the strike of coopers. A Committee was appointed to wait on the coopers and have changed so as to make illegal combinations having a depressing effect on trade.

The men arrested on suspicion of having murdered Prof. Fanorus, after a hearing to-day, have been committed to prison, there being no positive evidence yet as to who the murderer is.

INSURANCE COMPANY DISSOLVED.

The Phœnix Insurance Company of New York has been judicially dissolved.

INJUNCTION.

The Adams Express Company has been enjoined, at the suit of Vanderbilt, from voting on 23 shares of Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad stock, pending the litigation.

THE TELEGRAPH WIRES.

Twelve small-pox cases were reported yesterday. There have been five deaths since yesterday, and one case has been added to the list. The case has been put in a few places on the line of the Harlem Railroad.

BOLD ROBBERY.

The office of the Pittston Coal Company was robbed last night, the robbers gagging and binding a watchman while they smashed the safe, from which they obtained about $1,000.

DOVE & HOFFMAN.

who is in the city to-day, says that he stated the facts in the case of Watson et al. vs. the sinking fund Jury, in obedience to the will of the Legislature, though against his judgment as a lawyer. He believes the act will be decided unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Thos. Hicks was dragged from his bed and beaten almost to death, last night, in Brooklyn, by some unknown ruffians.

PIGEON-SHOOTING.

In the shooting match at Pelham, to-day, only 14 out of 50 entries appeared. Eight birds were targeted for each. C. Palmer was ahead, killing 8; the shooting was generally poor.

C. J. Palmer and Dr. Carver have a pigeon-shooting match for the silver cup at Jerome Park to-day.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

The elections for primary meetings of the Reform Democracy were held throughout the city last evening. In some districts the Tammanyites elected delegates, but not the whole, but enough to form a successful ticket. Everything passed off quietly.

A VETO EXPECTED.

It is believed that the Governor will veto the Addit bill, which has just passed the Legislature, on the ground that the bill does not provide that the Board of Audit shall be elective officers.

MISS MANSFIELD.

A morning paper asserts that Helen Josephine Mansfield, of Portland, Me., is not consequently, was not installed by command of Forrest as regent.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Caleb Cushing states that in his opinion the Geneva arbitration will be the Alabama claims, and that it will result in a satisfactory settlement without any difficulty.

INSANE SUICIDE.

An insane man yesterday drowned himself by jumping from a ferry-boat into the East River.

Testimony taken at Albany shows that one Southwick got a commission of twenty-five per cent for securing the passage of the bill making Printers, and that Terwilliger received commissions.

BANK STATEMENT.

The statement of the Receiver of the Market Savings Bank shows liabilities of $900,000, with only assets of $270,000. Some of the money in the bank entered largely by Conklin, the absconding Secretary.

INDICTMENTS.

The Grand Jury of the General Sessions to-day presented several minor indictments, and then had their time extended another week.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

during the day.

The Stock Exchange this morning adopted a rule imposing a fine on a transaction of $50 or more, of one per cent for the first offense in the afternoon and on Saturday after 4 o'clock.

PRISON REFORMERS.

The Prison Reformers met this morning, and elected H. Seymour President, J. G. Binne and T. Lieber, Vice Presidents, and E. C. Wines, Secretary.

BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT.

Brick Pomeroy was this morning sued for $25,000 damages for a breach of promise of marriage, by Sadie Wilkinson, of New Haven, she charging that he promised to marry her in 1866.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

The Custom House Investigating Committee have adjourned till next Wednesday. The Committee goes to Washington to-night.

THE HORNET.

Captain Brown, of the merchant service, who was sent out by the owners of the Hornet, to search for the vessel on the Azores, and for the safe reception of mortgages. The bill provides for the acknowledgment of the amount paid in satisfaction of mortgages on the margin of the record, under a certain form, with the fact of such payment acknowledged by the Auditor under the seal of his office.

MURDER.

Henry Hepner, a German, this afternoon shot his son, aged 15, killing him instantly. He then fingerprinted wounded himself. Intemperance was the cause.

The Grand Duke to be Invited to Cincinnati—Railroad Rejoicing.

CINCINNATI, Jan 27.—The Board of Aldermen having failed to authorize the Mayor to invite the Grand Duke Alexis, prominent citizens have to-day taken the matter in hand, with the intention of doing, in a private way, what would have been done had there been favorable municipal action yesterday.

The announcement that the Senate of Kentucky had passed the Cincinnati Southern Railroad bill to-day, was received with great satisfaction here, though there has been little doubt the case has been settled on a few places on the line of the Harlem Railroad.

Condition of the Union Pacific Road.

OMAHA, Jan. 27.—The snow blockade on the Union Pacific Road remains unincreasing. The weather along the line west has been intensely cold, with strong wind and snow. Three train dispatches came from the east to-day as soon, has not arrived there yet, and is reported snowbound at Antelope Station. Passengers who have been arriving here for the west during the past week are there yet. Laramie reports that the train which arrived there a week ago is still snowbound and which left there yesterday for the east, behind the shovellers, is stuck in the snow at Harney Siding, a place where there is but one house and no fuel. It is reported that the storm is increasing; it is colder than any day heretofore, and the snow is drifting badly.

Memphis & Paducah Railroad.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 27.—The following Directors of the Memphis & Paducah Railroad were elected to-day: Messrs. A. Cochran, J. D. M. Hennine, H. S. McComb, E. Norton, H. S. Rogers, Alfred P. Lacey, W. F. Norton, J. M. Ryan, and L. S. Trimble.

The Memphis & Paducah Railroad. The road, from Memphis to Covington, which is principally graded, was ordered to be completed to the earliest possible date, and it is expected that the entire road will be finished within this year.

War Department Weather Prognostics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The area of high barometer, with falling temperature and clearing weather, will probably extend from the Rocky Mountain stations eastward to the Mississippi Valley by Sunday night. Northwesterly winds with falling temperature, will prevail from Lake Superior to Florida, and westward. Rain will very generally cease but cloudy weather continues in the Southern and Gulf States. The area of lowest barometer will move northeast, with brisk winds, and attempt will be made to secure the prisoner's into North Carolina. Easterly winds, with rain, will extend from Virginia to New England. Southward winds, with rising temperature, are possibly rain will be experienced on the Atlantic coast to-night, followed by westerly winds and falling temperature on Sunday. Dangerous winds are not anticipated for to-night, except, possibly, on the Florida coast.

FOREIGN.

France.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The Assembly has adopted four clauses of the Merchant Navy bill.

The report on the commercial treaty with England was presented to-day, but not read.

It is reported that Thiers opposed the creation of a Vice Presidency.

A special despatch from Nice states that Minister Washburne gave a grand banquet to General Sherman on the evening of his departure for Italy.

The American squadron was ready to sail for an Italian port.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A London special states that the Emperor of Germany recommends Earl Granville, the British Foreign Minister, for the negotiation of the treaty suppressing the International Society, principally by the rendition of all political refugees.

It is said that affairs at Versailles are threatening, the faction opposed to Thiers and the Republic growing bolder daily. A report is current that Bismarck is preparing a new invasion.

Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Duke of Newcastle declares that the Conservatives of Sheffield favor Gladstone because he is believed to favor the abolition of the House of Lords, and rallies with the Liberal principles of Sir Charles Dilke and other disturbers of the constitutional order of things.

The Trustees of the Peabody fund have let out 100 houses, with planted grounds attached, at Bristol, to small families, in accordance with the directions of the late George Peabody.

Italy.

ROME, Jan. 27.—A Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has agreed to report in favor of a loan of 800,000,000 lire.

A new religious journal has been established here, which will oppose the dogma of infallibility. Pere Hyacinthe is to be one of the contributors.

Spain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A London special says that the Spanish Bourbons have agreed to support Alphonse, the son of ex-Queen Isabella, for the throne, the Duke of Montpensier to assume the regency until the Prince reaches his majority.

WISCONSIN.

Soldiers' Orphans' Home—Dinner by Governor Washburn—The Assembly.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 27.—Mr. W. P. Towers, for many years a Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, has resigned, on account of inadequate compensation. M. R. Burton, who has taught successfully some time at Monroe, has been appointed Superintendent.

Governor Washburn gave a dinner, last evening, to the leading officers and some members in each House of the Legislature, with two or three others.

Only some fifteen or twenty members of the Assembly, and half a dozen Senators, are remaining here over the Sabbath.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 27.

Financial affairs continue rather quiet. In New York, the disturbance of confidence caused by the recent failure of savings banks has not entirely subsided, but confidence has been so far restored as to leave no anticipations of the failures of any more banks. Money has grown more abundant there during the past week, stocks are higher, and gold is about ½ of 1 per cent higher than it was one week ago. In this city, however, there are no important changes either in prices or prospects since last week.

The supply of money continues abundant. The demand for bank accommodation is moderately active, but banks are taking all the first-class paper offered. There are no movements of currency in any direction to or from this city.

Exchange is rather weak, at from 25c to 50c per $1,000 premium for sales between banks. At the counter, bankers sell at 1-10 premium, and buy at 1-10 discount.

The following were the bank clearings for the week ending Jan. 27:

Monday	$4,886,481.50
Tuesday	2,859,777.66
Wednesday	2,175,962.45
Thursday	2,235,619.48
Friday	2,287,144.28
Saturday	2,247,904.85
Total	$14,396,070.35
Last week	16,999,883.72
Decrease	$2,603,813.37

Twelve small-pox cases were reported yesterday. There have been five deaths since yesterday, and one case has been added to the list. The case has been put in a few places on the line of the Harlem Railroad.

The following were the quotations for buying and selling Government bonds and local stocks in this market, this afternoon, as furnished by Messrs. Lant, Preston & Kean:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81	113½	113¾
U. S. 5-20s of '62	110½	110¾
U. S. 5-20s of '62 (called)	109½	109¾
U. S. 5-20s of '64	110½	110¾
U. S. 5-20s of '65	110½	110¾
U. S. 5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	110½	110¾
U. S. 5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	112½	112¾
U. S. 5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	112½	112¾
U. S. 10-40s (new issue)	107½	107¾
U. S. 10-40s	110½	110¾
U. S. currency 6s	114½	115
Northern Pacific gold 7-30s		104 at 1st
Chicago City 7s	100	
Cook County 7s	100½	
Cook County 10s	100½	
Sterling exchange, large drafts	109@110	
Gold and gold coupons	109½	
Land warrants, 160s	170	
Land warrants, 120s	142	
Agricultural College land scrip	178—175	

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Gold opened at 109¾, sold up to 109¾, and closed at 109¾@109¾ and very firm. The dealings to-day were large. Loans were made at 7 to 9 per cent for carrying. The clearings were $97,000,000. The specie shipment was $550,069.26.

The money market was easy at 4@6 per cent.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Loans—increase, $1,846,100; specie decrease, $1,467,100; circulation—decrease, $82,300; deposits—increase, $712,700; legal tenders—increase, $918,850. The statement is unfavorable, showing a net loss of $1,705,500. The banks now hold $8,225,725 above the 25 per cent required by law.

Governments have not been very active; 5-20s of 1864, '67, and '68 advanced ¼. The market closed strong.

State bonds were dull and steady, with but little or no change in prices.

Stocks opened firm, but very dull. But little business was transacted during the day. At the afternoon board the market was heavy during the afternoon, and prices declined from 1 to 2 per cent on the general list, but Hannibal & St. Joseph preferred was the weakest stock. Common stock declined from 51¾ to 47¾, and closed at 48; while preferred stock declined from 80¾ to 69¾, closing at the final close there was a firmer feeling in the general market, and a slight recovery from the extreme depression of the afternoon.

Sterling, 109.

Governments:

Coupon, '81	115 5-8	Coupon, '67	112 1-4
Coupon, '62	110 3-8	Coupon, '68	112 3-8
Coupon, '64	110 3-8	Coupon, '65	110 3-8
Coupon, '65	111 3-8	Currency 6s	115
New	110 3-4		
10-40 bonds:			
Missouri 6s	95	Virginia old	56
Tennessee, old	65½	North Carolina, old	36
Tennessee, new	65	N. Carolina, new	35 1-2
Virginia, new	56 1-2		
Stocks:			
Canton	51 1-8	N. J. C	111 3-4
Western Union	82 1-2	St. Paul	53 3-4
Marketstock	60	Wabash	74 1-2
Adams Express	91 1-4	Wabash pfd	84
Wells, F.	40	Ft. Wayne	97
American	60 7-8	Terre Haute	30
United States	60 7-8	Terre Haute pfd	58
Pacific Mail	58 3-8	Chicago & Alton	129 1-2
New York Central	97 3-8	Do pfd	132
N. Y. Central scrip	93 1-4	C. & R. I	103
Erie	22	C. & A.	41 5-8
Erie pfd	46	C., C. & C	89
Harlem	124 3-4	C. & N. W	83
Harlem pfd	120	Lake Shore	90 5-8
Reading	97 5-8	Illinois Central	124 3-4
Hud. Canal	117 5-8	Illinois Central scrip	130
Pittsburgh	92	Union Pacific stock	35 1-8
Fort Wayne	97 5-8	Union Pacific bonds	87 1-2
Northwestern	81	C. P. 6s	102 3-4
Northwestern pfd	91		
R. I.	110 1-8		

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 27.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty-four hours:

	Received.		Shipped.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	2,374	3,799	2,826	4,771
Wheat, bu	11,650	39,350	703	3,685
Corn, bu	70,320	78,227	25,877	7,939
Oats, bu	19,550	8,245	9,419	715
Rye, bu	1,170	500	0	0
Barley, bu	4,000	5,850	3,724	851
Grass seed, lbs	147,080	22,648	60,250	19,740
Flax seed, lbs		276		245
Broom corn, lbs	11,430	94,520	10,210	19,043
Cured meats, lbs	66,370	8,812	1150,943	1193,730
Beef, brls	55	76	50	243
Pork, brls	338	535	251	510
Lard, lbs	210,020	89,500	440,500	221,700
Tallow, lbs	37,420	15,000	121,230	
Butter, lbs	12,340	29,600	10,010	10,010
Dressed hogs, No	3,709	3,094	1,502	2,003
Live hogs, No	8,804	11,014	2,143	2,870
Cattle, No	1,289	1,831	1,289	1,831
Sheep, No	1,500	1,831	500	696
Hides, lbs	117,300	134,423	125,333	77,693
Highwines, brls	273	315	307	625
Coal, tons	182,790	10,000	25,920	5,440
Potatoes, bu		9,235		25
Lumber, M	633	185	253	1,210
Shingles, M	150	115	113	1,119
Salt, brls	62	19	19	20
Lard, brls		250	1,210	1,210

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 9,349 bu wheat; 2,238 bu corn; 135 bu oats; 1,250 bu rye.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 89 cars wheat; 183 cars corn; 20 cars oats; 7 cars rye; 8 cars barley. Total, 307 cars, or 161,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock at this point during the week ending with this morning, and for corresponding weeks ending as dated:

	RECEIPTS.			
	Jan. 27, '72.	Jan. 20, '72.	Jan. 28, '71.	
Flour, brls	21,250	23,680	20,500	
Wheat, bu	41,675	94,475	213,322	
Corn, bu	339,646	337,000	491,500	
Oats, bu	119,983	137,012	63,342	
Rye, bu	10,847	11,629	9,453	
Barley, bu	29,366	62,823	32,340	
Dressed hogs, No	23,079	24,799	26,400	
Live hogs, No	57,116	91,228	53,976	
Cattle, No	11,682	10,343	8,981	
	SHIPMENTS.			
Flour, brls	17,657	13,923		25,126

Wheat, bu 9,675 4,267 3,783
Corn, bu 256,671 185,373 92,234
Oats, bu 102,000 84,000 7,000
Rye, bu 9,287 8,983 703
Barley, bu 31,254 16,742 34,120
Grass seed, lbs 11,854 11,523 10,771
Live hogs, No 12,452 7,300 4,324
Cattle, No 1,749 1,700 1,304

The following were the receipts and shipments of provisions during the week ending Jan. 27:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Beef, brls	629	195
Pork, brls	3,779	1,272
Lard, lbs	1,588,178	2,022,000
Meats, lbs	527,900	2,197,195

The produce markets were sluggish and ruled to-day, but Pork was weak at the advance. The first half hour was a rather active one; after that the little was done, buyers generally refusing to take hold at the improvement.

A resolution was offered on Change to-day by S. B. HOCKING, for action on Monday, endorsing the bill presented in Congress to increase the salaries of letter carriers. It is understood that similar resolutions have been adopted by several other business bodies in various parts of the country.

Highwines were firmer and more active, judging from the sales reported, though most of the purchases were made yesterday afternoon on the strength of a report that Peoria was stronger under an urgent demand. To-day the market closed with Ohio at 90c; two buyers at 90c. Sales were: 150 brls at 90c; 1,400 brls at 89½c; and 450 brls at 89c.

Breadstuffs were in fair demand, both on local and shipping account, and averaged about 1c higher than yesterday. Buyers bid $3.00 early, but in the end $3.05@3.10 for good to choice, and $2.75 for plain. The demand subsequently fell off, and the market closed at $3.00 bid, and holders at $3.05. Sales were reported at $3.00@3.05.

Provisions were less active, but higher. Live hogs were early reported 10c per 100 lbs better, and more firmly held. Prices advanced 10@15c per bbl, with rather large transactions, but the demand was soon satisfied, and then the improvement was lost. Lard was in fair demand, and a shade firmer, at yesterday's outside quotations, an upward movement being checked by the report that the receipts of the week have been equal to about half the shipments. Meats were in fair request, and firmer, those for the English market being held ¼c higher, which somewhat checked the demand. The following was the closing range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller the month, $13.80; do seller February, $12.85; do seller March, $13.05; do seller April, $13.30. Lard, cash or seller the month, $8.80; do seller February, $8.80@8.85; do seller March, $8.95; do seller April, $9.10@9.15. Green meats at 6½ for shoulders; 7½c for short ribs; 8½@8¾c for short clear, and 9@9½c for hams. Dry salted meats at 4½c for shoulders; 6½c for rough sides; 6½@6¾c for short ribs; 8½@8¾c for short clear. Boxed meats ¼@½c higher than the above quotations for loose. Sales were reported: 2,000 lbs 6 weeks' pickled hams, at 9½c. Bacon quoted at 6½c for shoulders; 7½c for short ribs, 7½c for short clear, and 12½c for hams. Mess beef, $6 cash; extra mess beef, $10.00. Beef hams, $22.50@23.00. Tallow, 8@8½c. Sales were reported of 65 brls mess pork at $13.80; 100 brls do buyer the month, at $12.87½; 500 brls do seller February, at $12.97½; 4,900 brls do at $12.90@12.95; 1,500 brls do at $12.85; 2,750 brls do at $12.90; 2,000 brls do at $12.85; 2,750 brls do seller March at $13.05; 1,000 brls do at $13.07½; 500 brls do at $13.05; 500 brls do at $13.10; 2,000 brls do seller April at $13.30; 500 brls do at $13.35; 1,000 brls do seller April at $13.40; 500 brls do at $13.35; 1,000 brls do seller April at $13.30; 100 tcs lard at $8.80; 500 tcs do at $8.75; 250 tcs do (last evening) at $8.75; 2,500 tcs do seller February at $8.80; 1,500 do do seller March, at $8.95; 250 tcs do at $8.95; 2,000 pcs and 40,000 lbs green hams at 7½c; 2,000 pcs do for 1,000 pcs do at 8c; 250 tcs green shoulders at 6c; 50,000 lbs do at 6c; 50,000 lbs green do at 6c; 20,000 lbs do at 8½c; 200,000 lbs short ribs, seller March, at 6½c; 200 boxes short clear, seller March, at 6¾c; 250 boxes do, seller last half of February, at 6¾c; 150 tcs yellow grease at 6½c.

Flour was quiet and unchanged. There was little inquiry that a decline in flour was only prevented by the higher price of wheat. There is seldom much trade in flour on Saturday, and local buyers were few. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extras (Grace Mills) at $6.25; 100 brls spring extras at $5.75; 200 brls do (Sunbeam, low) at $5.25; 200 brls do on usual terms; 75 brls low grade spring superfines at $4.50; 100 brls rye flour at $4.00; 20 brls buckwheat flour at 9c per lb. Total, 745 brls. The market dull and lower, with sales of 30 tons at $14.50, and 20 tons at $14.00, both on track. Also, 10 tons bulk bran at $10.00 on the levee.

Wheat was less active but steady at an advance of 2c per bu on cash lots, and 3c on options, the latter being the strongest. The principal cause for the advance was an early rumor that Liverpool was higher, but the later telegrams quo

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THE REPUBLICANS OF MISSOURI.

The Convention held in Missouri last week should be understood by Republicans generally as indicating a danger to party success, and should admonish all of the importance and necessity of a careful consideration of the questions involved. The resolutions will meet the hearty approval of the entire mass of the people, presenting a rule of political action upon which all men of all parties might cordially unite. There were many representative Republicans in the Convention,—men whose ability and genius adorn the pages which record the history of the Republican party. These men strike the hearts of the country when they announce that they are "Republicans faithful to the vital principles of Republicanism." This declaration will be received with full confidence by the country.

Though not distinctly avowed, there is hardly any disguise of the fact that this Convention is but the beginning of a widespread organization within the Republican party to avert the renomination of General Grant. It is so understood upon all hands. The Convention called to meet at Cincinnati in May next will be of great force or be unimportant in proportion to the prospects that that nomination will be enforced upon the party. Should the State Conventions of the Republican party in the meantime have committed themselves to the doctrine that the Republican party is centered in one man, and the will of that man must be accepted by the whole party, then this Cincinnati Convention may assume alarming proportions. There is not a word or sentiment in the platform of the Missouri Convention which might not be adopted, and which ought not to be adopted, by the Republican Convention in Philadelphia; and, consequently, it contains nothing to which any Republican, as an office-seeker or office-broker, may not give his approval. Those resolutions really embody a frank declaration of the feelings, teachings, and doctrine of the Republican party. It becomes, then, a matter requiring careful thought and consideration, whether the Republican party can afford to provoke such an organization within its own party as this initiated in Missouri, and now proposed to be made national at Cincinnati. Is the desire of the men who hold office, live by office, and to whom the dispensing of patronage has been delegated, to have the party become mere personal followers of one man, of such importance that it must be gratified at the expense of building up within the party itself, an organization so national in its extent, so formidable in its numbers, and led and officered by men so long and gratefully remembered for their eminent services in the party? This Cincinnati Convention will meet in May. It is in the power of the Republicans of the several States to render its meeting unnecessary. The Connecticut State Convention furnished a precedent which all other State Conventions will act wisely in adopting. The Connecticut Convention discarded the theory that the Republican party was the property of any one man, and declared that it was not at liberty to nominate any other person for President. To give emphasis to this judgment, and acting in the light of the possible formidable proportions of the Cincinnati Convention, it selected twelve of the most eminent men of the State, and appointed them as delegates to Philadelphia, not to nominate a man already selected, but to nominate that man who at that time may seem to be most acceptable, and to whose nomination there will be no serious opposition within the party itself. Let the Conventions of all the other States of the North do the same thing; let them select delegates who have no personal interests to promote, and leave those delegates free to select that candidate whose nomination will produce the least division and the greatest harmony.

Recent experience in every part of the country has shown that party allegiance hangs very loosely upon a majority of the people, and that there is no difficulty in defeating party nominations where public intelligence is insulted, or where the election of better men can be accomplished without a sacrifice of principle. Voting for mere party nominations is no longer recognized as a principle by any considerable number of the people, outside of the candidates and those who live upon the plunder afforded by official patronage. Possible divisions of the party, therefore, at this time, necessarily constitute an important consideration in the selection of candidates, particularly when such a division is led by men recognized by the country as truly claiming to be Republicans faithful to the vital principles of Republicanism." It therefore remains for the Republicans of the several States, by their own action, in appointing delegates to select a candidate and not to nominate one already designated, to render the Cincinnati Convention a thing to expire with the cause that provoked it, or to render it an assemblage so formidable in character and influence as to make the prescriptive action at Philadelphia extremely doubtful of success.

THE STATE REVENUE BILL.

The State Senate and the House of Representatives have been engaged, during the larger part of their sessions, in maturing a new bill for the collection of revenue. The material dispute between the two branches of the Legislature is whether debts shall be taxed. The House has decided that they shall be, and the Senate that they shall not be. Some years ago, some thief stole a promissory note, and was indicted therefor. Upon appeal, it was held that the debt was property and the stealing of it larceny. Armed with this authority, and with others of a like character, the House has insisted that, in the list of property to be taxed, shall be included promissory notes, mortgages, and all other evidences of debt due to a man which is fair; and that outstanding debts due from him shall not be deducted from the value of property, which is unfair. The argument used is, that the Constitution requires that "Every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his or its property," and, as those debts are "property," they must be taxed.

This argument has been extended so as to include a tax on the shares of capital stock of corporations. For instance, where a corporation has twenty millions of dollars of capital invested in real and personal property, and has issued to the members of the corporation assignable certificates of the shares they hold respectively in that property, it is insisted that both the property of the corporation and the certificates of the stock shall be taxed, and, though the whole value of the property is but $20,000,000, it can be taxed for twice that sum. By the same argument, when a horse or other property is purchased on credit, and a note given for the purchase-money, both note and horse are equally taxable; when real estate is sold on time and a mortgage given for the price, the real estate and the mortgage are both taxable. When a man buys lumber and bricks to build a house, and gives his note for the cost of the material, the house as well as the notes must be taxed. A majority of the House seem unable to understand that this is double taxation, or the taxing of the same property twice over, and hence the bills acceptable to that body are filled with sweeping provisions to enable taxgatherers to list both property and credits. The House seems to be unable to see that debts and credits, created by the transfer of property, must, of necessity, balance one another; and that the multiplication of credits in no wise increases the amount of property actually existing.

The Senate rejects the House scheme of taxing debts, and now comes the struggle between the two Houses. Which shall yield? The vote in the Senate against the taxation of debts was overwhelming. That in the House was equally decided in its favor, and has been repeated a dozen times. That the House is wrong, in seeking to get two taxes out of the same property, is to us quite clear. Though the Constitution requires a tax on the property of every person and corporation according to its value, it also prohibits double taxation of the same property. Certificates of stock are not property in the sense of being subject to taxation; they are only evidence of the owner's share in certain property already taxed according to its value. Certificates of deposit, either of grain or money, are not taxable property so long as the property of which they are but the paper-evidence of title is already taxed. The stealing of a promissory note may be larceny; but the note itself is not justly taxable if the property which it represents is also taxed. The Constitution does not contemplate debts as taxable property. Men have property of various kinds which certainly are not taxable. A man has a property in the services of his children and apprentices, but the most inexorable obedience to the Constitutional requirement will hardly insist that such property be listed for taxation. The good will of a business is also property, and often very valuable; men have a property in their reputation, personal and professional, and draw large profits therefrom, but such property is not taxable. Change of ownership does not duplicate the taxable value of the property exchanged, and the attempt to tax debts, thereby doubling taxation, is a monstrous abuse of legislation, involving oppression and injustice, and producing that very inequality which the Constitution was intended to prevent.

The rule in England, where taxation has become one of the exact sciences, is, that a man may deduct what he owes from the aggregate amount of his property returned for taxation. Thus, if A owns land worth £10,000, and has borrowed £2,000 from B on mortgage, to erect buildings thereon, thus giving him apparently a value of £12,000, he is allowed to deduct his debt to B, and is taxed only on £10,000. B, on the other hand, is taxed for the mortgage (£2,000), which is property to him, but cannot be property to both A and B at the same time. This is just and equitable. There being only £12,000 worth of property between the parties, it would be unfair to tax them as though there were £14,000.

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

The Providence *Journal* comments upon the Chicago Relief bill, in effect that Congress has no more right to give, by a remission of taxes, a hundred thousand or so of dollars, than it has to select any unfortunate and respectable man in Rhode Island, and build him a house and endow him with a life-income at the expense of the people. The *Journal* hardly states the case fairly. The cardinal basis upon which Chicago asks for this relief is that simplest principle of equity, that the Government shall not seek to make misfortune a source of revenue; that revenue should accrue from taxes upon the profits of people, not upon their losses. Can there be any position more unjust, taking the case of the unfortunate Rhode Island man who has had his house and business destroyed, than that which recognizes the right of the Government to add to the weight of his misfortunes by compelling him to pay a heavy tax upon what he has lost?

Is it not more proper, on the other hand, that the Government should step in at this juncture, and, by remitting the tax, lift his burden from him until he can build his house again. This is all Chicago asks.

A large part of the city has been destroyed by fire, and there has been a frightful loss of property, which must be replaced as speedily as possible, not only for her own sake, but also for the sake of the great adjacent regions which buy of and sell to her, and also for the sake of the general financial condition of the country, which has been seriously disturbed; and it is furthermore necessary to restore those values as economically as possible. Consequently, she asks of Congress the right to buy materials where she can buy them cheapest, and not be compelled to pay a gratuity to certain private interests. To compel her to do otherwise would be as unjust as to force a man to borrow money of a usurer at high rates of interest, when he could go elsewhere and borrow at a lower rate of interest. She asks for no assistance in the attitude of a mendicant; for no privilege which it is not her clear right to ask, and which has not been granted to others in similar cases.

SUNKEN RAILWAY TRACKS.

The correspondence between Alderman Woodman and City Engineer Chesbrough, which was printed in the last issue of THE TRIBUNE, touching the practicability of sinking railway tracks below the street grades, has more than a special interest at present, from the fact that many new railroads are now seeking admission into the city; and that, while quick transit is an important item in the business management of railroads, it is just as important that there should be immunity from danger to life and property. Mr. Woodman, speaking of the Sallie & Chicago Railroad, which is seeking entrance into the city along with Gurley, and Sebor streets, announced the willingness of the Company to sink their tracks sixteen feet below the street grades, thus allowing those streets to bridge the railroad without elevating them, provided the scheme is a practicable one. The City Engineer's reply is favorable, and intimates that there is no serious difficulty in the way. His opinion is, that the drainage of the excavation would not be difficult, while the disturbance of sewerage, gas, and water-pipes would not be of any material importance on that line of streets, or, at least, not to be mentioned as an offset to the advantages the city would secure from quick passenger and freight transit. As the LaSalle & Chicago Road makes the offer in good faith, and the City Engineer expresses himself favorably after a due examination of the proposition,—and Mr. Chesbrough has never yet given a careless opinion,—there seems to be no special reason why the Council should not grant the road the privilege it desires, and, on the other hand, many material reasons why it should be granted. A large number of roads are now waiting for the legislation which shall allow them to come into the city, and the granting of the privilege to this particular road would establish a valuable precedent upon which to act in the future. Any scheme which allows trains to run at their usual rate of speed in the city limits, without disturbing the property of the city and without involving any danger to the public, is certainly desirable, not only to the roads themselves, but also to the business of the city; in fact, it is hardly possible to estimate the advantages which would arise from quicker passenger travel and from the prompter delivery of freight. There seems to be no valid reason why the Council should not act upon the matter at once. It is not an experiment which is sought to be tried, but a well-established fact, the feasibility of which has been attested elsewhere, and with the most gratifying results. The roads at New Haven and some of the Boston roads enter those cities by depressed roadways, which are bridged at all of the cross-streets, and their working has always been successful. The advantage, both to the city and to the railroad companies, cannot be questioned for a moment, and the more satisfactory immunity from danger is by no means an unimportant item. The only question to be settled is the one of practicability, and in this particular instance the statement of Mr. Chesbrough leaves no room for doubt that the petitioners should have the privilege they ask, to prove that it is practicable.

The negro testimony bill was passed by the Kentucky House of Representatives on the 24th inst., and will shortly become a law of the State, as it passed the Senate some time ago. The bill has been bitterly contested, and its passage is all the more remarkable from the fact that both branches of the Legislature are strongly Democratic. Under such adverse circumstances as those, there is room for hearty congratulation over the fact that even Southern Democrats are ready to let the negro appear in the Courts, both as a matter of public policy and of simple justice.

THE FRENCH OUTLOOK.

The latest advices from France indicate a very gloomy prospect for the continuance of the Thiers Administration. The faction which is opposed to him grows stronger and bolder each day. The army, always uncertain, may change its allegiance any day to a man who has courage enough to demand it; or policy enough to flatter it. The Cabinet is hopelessly divided on all matters of public importance, combining Protectionists and Free-Traders, sympathizers with Monarchy and Republicanism. It is, moreover, composed of weak men. The emergency seems to have brought no strong man to the front. Those who, at first, manifested any promise, seem to have hopelessly subsided, and Thiers keeps his tenure of office simply by personal power,—a form of government to which the French have always been partial. His resignation would inevitably be followed by a revolution, and, by continually holding this threat over their heads, he keeps his place and carries out his measures, which are rather measures to meet current necessities than measures which will crystalize into an enduring form of republican government. Napoleon's margin of sixty days, which he allowed for the existence of Thiers' Republic, may not be far out of the way. The slightest spark may kindle the fire. If Napoleon had money enough at his command to meet the German indemnity,—which the Assembly are trying to provide for by such trival makeweights as loiteries and tobacco monopolies,—he could undoubtedly resume his sceptre and purple almost any fine morning. France never flourished except under an autocracy, and there can be no doubt that, in the event of the return of Napoleon, the French would shout *Vive l'Empereur* with just as much gusto as they now shout *Vive la Republique*, and that the malcontents, whom Thiers has made and is still making so rapidly by the offensive personality of his autocracy, which does not reach beyond the present necessities of paying the expense of the Government, would be as ardent Royalists as ever they were Liberalists. Just so long as ignorance prevails in the provinces and the fiendish ruffianism of the Reds prevails in Paris, will any form of government be insecure in France which is not based upon absolute and irrepressible force. The present position of M. Thiers grew out of a panic, which, in turn, grew out of the chaos caused by the German invasion. The elements are still rife for another panic at any moment, possibly for another German invasion, in case the indemnity is not paid. The savior of France has not yet appeared.

We confess that we are unable to see the public benefit to Chicago conferred by the presence in England of Rev. Nathan Shepard, of the Chicago University, upon which some of our contemporaries are dilating to a rather remarkable extent. Mr. Sheppard has published a begging letter in the London *Daily News*, asking for charity in behalf of the University, and making rather a piteous plea, which, under the circumstances, is absurd. The University was not touched by the fire. It has its buildings, its library, its observatory, its students, and its Professors, except those who are in Europe, and it is very doubtful whether those who are at home authorized this begging mission in their behalf. The University did not lose one dollar, so far as the public are advised. It is unseemly that an institution in this city, which has survived the fire unscathed, should be heralded in Europe as a mendicant, and, taking advantage of the sympathy which is felt for the real sufferers, prejudice the cause of worthy institutions which are utterly ruined. The University has always been sustained by voluntary contributions, chiefly from the Baptist denomination at large, and that denomination is just as able to support it now as it ever was. If it is going down hill (which we do not believe), its Professors had better come home and help to prevent its downward career with their well-known eloquence, ability, and energy, of which we hear so much. They would appear to better advantage, and reflect more credit upon Chicago, in so doing, than in tramping over Europe upon begging expeditions.

The letter which we copied yesterday from the Cincinnati *Commercial*, concerning the Chicago Custom House Ring, is a little wild in its conclusions. We do not know of any facts which warrant the suspicion that our Custom House is corruptly or improperly administered. Indeed, the chief complaint against it has been that it was not administered in the interest of local politicians, that it was not made useful in "running the machine." This, in our judgment, is not a valid ground of complaint. But it is charged, also, that the profits of the office are divided with the President's brother. It might be worth while for the Custom House Investigating Committee to look into the matter. If they should do so, it would be well to inquire whether this silent partner in the profits of the Custom House ever made a proposition to the ex-Collector of Internal Revenue with reference to running a distillery on improper principles. We understand that such a proposition was made; that it was promptly reported to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who communicated it to the President, who strongly disapproved of it. The subsequent removal of Colonel Jussen from the office of Collector of Internal Revenue was not predicated on this affair, but was brought about by what were supposed to be political exigencies.

WISCONSIN.

About every month, some journal prints a dreamy composition, written by some infant prodigy, which forthwith goes the rounds. The latest instance of this is an essay in on the subject of fires, which the Carson (Nev.) *Register* publishes as the production of "N. F. Dow, a 10-year-old schoolboy." For literal adherence to the original, which was published some forty years ago, and still lurks in school-readers, etc., the composition of this 10-year-old schoolboy is without a peer. After all, our juvenile plagiarist could find plenty of precedents for his deed. If Charles Reade's pen-photograph of himself as Rolfe, in "A Terrible Temptation," is a true one, his books are made up to a greater extent of clippings than even a daily paper is. It has been shown that the most original thing in that work—the madman's malice and his description of it—is taken, word for word, from a book written by a lunatic and published years ago. There is scarcely a single name of note in literature the possessor of which has not been accused of plagiarism, and accused on apparently good grounds. The explanation of many such cases is doubtless to be found in the fact that a new idea rarely appears to one man exclusively, but seems to occur to many simultaneously. Some curious instances of this might be quoted. The striking coincidence between Holmes' and Whittier's poems in a late *Atlantic* is a case in point. At just about the same time, and, we think, during the same year, Emerson and Arthur Helps published essays, in which the American says: "Friendship requires more time than poor, busy men can usually command;" and the Englishman tells us: "Men nowadays do not have time to form friendships." An example of the different ways in which substantially the same idea will be expressed by differently-constituted minds appears in the three following sayings, by T. W. Higginson, R. W. Emerson, and Herbert Spencer, respectively:

"Indeed, man himself is graceful in his unconscious and direct employments.

"Then canst not wave thy staff in air,
Or dip thy paddle in the lake,
But it carves the bow of beauty there,
And the ripples in rhyme the oar forsake."

"Rhythm is a necessary characteristic of all motion."

We get the same idea in the forms given it by the graceful essayist, whose thoughts and words are alike "pretty"; by the thinker, whose poetry sometimes conceals the thought; and by the most profound and original philosopher of the age, who would always sacrifice beauty of expression to truth of thought, and yet half-unconsciously combines both in their perfection. From the puerile plagiarist of Nevada to the truest thinker of England, is a long step. We can go no farther.

The alleged fact that Darwin has embraced the Free Religion of which Mr. F. E. Abbott is the Apostle, seems to have aroused the makers of news to the necessity of providing religious beliefs for the friends of Darwin. Prof. Tyndall was at once placed in the bosom of Protestantism, which is a peculiar position for the author of "Miracles and Natural Law." Encouraged by the reception of this piece of information, its author now announced that Professor Huxley has joined the Catholic Church, and been received into full communion. The rapid change that must have taken place in his views is shown by the fact that, scarcely two months ago, he published the following paragraph: "One of the greatest merits in my eyes of the doctrine of evolution is the fact that it occupies a position of complete and irreconcilable antagonism to that vigorous and consistent enemy of the highest intellectual, moral, and social life of mankind,—the Catholic Church." We await anxiously the next tidings of conversion. There are many eminent men yet undisposed of, and several forms of belief. Will St. George Mivart embrace Mormonism, or will Professor Wallace turn Mohammedan? Either event would be quite as probable as those we have already been gravely told were true.

The Milwaukee *Sentinel* is exercised in soul over what it is pleased to term the "Free-Trade-Chicago-Relief-Swindle Bill." After a lofty protestation of its unwillingness to "strike a fallen foe," it draws its bodkin and advances to the attack, impelled solely by high moral motives, which seem to be substantially as follows: *First*—It is unjust that Chicago should not pay taxes to the owners of the forests of the West. *Second*—This bill will do Chicago good. We plead guilty to this indictment, and can only throw ourselves upon the mercy of the Court. *Third*—All Chicago merchants are dishonest, and there would, therefore, be unlimited swindling under such a bill. *Fourth*—If any aid is to be given, it ought to be by a grant of money, so that "The East and South may be laid under contribution, as well as the West." In order to balance which heavy list of possible pettiness of these four weighty arguments, the *Sentinel* indulges in a fine spasm of virtuous indignation over the violation of the Constitution, and quotes, in support of its position, the name of that well-known upholder of the Constitution, Senator Sherman, of Ohio. The peroration of the *Sentinel*'s editorial consists in an appeal to Congress not to "cripple the trade of a few States by the passage of an act so unjust as the one now pending." How the trade of several States is to be crippled by the passage of a bill which will cause the emporium of that trade to be rebuilt in half the time it would otherwise be, it is difficult to see. It is sadly evident that "the Teeming Metropolis of the Northwest," hoped to get control of the trade while Chicago was crippled, and so looks with great disfavor on the rapid manner in which her "fallen foe" is becoming repossessed of all her former advantages. We are not aware that the lumber-trade of Maine, or any other industry of that or the neighboring States, was "crippled" by the relief extended to Portland after a far lighter misfortune than that Chicago has undergone; and we beg the *Sentinel* to dismiss its anxious fears. The existence of this city depends largely upon the existence of the trade in question, and Chicago will take the same comprehensive care of it in the future that she has in the past.

The New York *Tribune* utters a forcible protest against the increasing prevalence of cant in our religious newspapers, and gives some wondrous instances of it. One periodical, many in need of penny, tells of souls converted by its influence, and then proceeds: "The editor of the —— has touched the right chord; has prepared the best dish for the people, for all who mean to save their souls. Show your paper to your friends, and especially to hungry souls; for, when these last get a taste of it, they will be sure to come for it again, and you will be sure to get your ten-cents in a short time. Notice now!" In getting a new subscriber for the paper, either with or without an eye to the soul for Jesus, or start one already in the Kingdom on a new career. And you will secure a premium for yourself better than the best offered by the periodicals of the day,—a cash premium, paid to you in the day of God." This revolting appeal is taken from what the *Tribune* calls "a leading newspaper in one of the religious sects." Immediately after its editor thus promises the favor of an infinite God to anybody who will get subscribers for the paper, he indulges in a fierce diatribe on the ——— on the horse-cars on Sunday, and deals out damnation by stating ——— "Every soul who thus transgresses wins hell at the price of a fare." This blasphemous assumption of bestowing the rewards and punishments of the Almighty, according as a person's actions are or are not pleasing in the sight of the bigot, is as far removed as possible from the spirit of true religion. The sect which this newspaper "leads" should change its guide straightway.

Some years ago a movement was made among members of the Roman Catholic Church for the establishment of missions among the emancipated colored persons of the United States. A college was founded in England, and, some weeks ago, four graduates of this institution, the first instalment, reached this country. The headquarters of the mission are at Baltimore, and on Sunday night, Jan. 14, the first public preaching and exercises took place. The immense church selected for the purpose was densely packed with colored persons, who were addressed by the Reverend Herbert Vaughan. The ceremonies were noticeable from the fact that the hymns were sung by the congregation, which is a novel proceeding in the Roman Catholic Church, but which probably will prove attractive to the colored people, among whom these missionaries are to labor.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

A panther is destroying stock and committing various depredations in Hancock County.

—A Post Office has been established at Clarksdale, Christain County.

—The Bloomington Board of Trade has turned the conduct of monthly stock sales in that city over to the farmers of the county.

—Champaign, during the year 1871, 109 stores, halls and offices were furnished, and $200,000 was spent in the erection of brick business blocks.

—Knapp, Stout & Co., of Dubuque, have entered a suit against the Illinois Central Railroad for the recovery of $11,000 as remuneration for improvements made by plaintiff on defendant's grounds in that city, near the freight depots.

—Mrs. Hannah Cunningham has in her possession a Bible that is nearly 300 years old. It was printed in Holland in the fifteenth century. It was brought over to this country by William Wierman, and has been kept in the family as an heirloom ever since.

—Since 1868, the river, at a point about 8 miles below Alton, has cut into the bank a distance of 100 feet, and the current still sets that way. The former stone levee of the town of Madison is now an island in the river, nearly a quarter of a mile from shore. The abrasion is caused by the swift current of the Missouri striking the bank at right angles.

INDIANA.

Two Indians have killed seven bears and sixty deer in the town of Montpelier during the present winter.

—The saloons of Kenosha are closed on Sunday, and the roughs of that city go to Racine to hold carnival.

—The wife of Charles Pretches, of the town of St. Joseph, St. Croix County, recently presented her lord and master with a daughter having two teeth at its birth.

—Ed. H. Borah, a well-to do farmer near Lancaster, raised last season 220 bushels of "middle" clover from 26 acres of land. The crop brought him $1,760. This is the largest yield of clover ever raised in that section.

—The Janesville *Gazette* says that a boy of that city poked shelled corn into his ear. After the crop had sprouted in the rich soil, it began to feel uncomfortable, and a surgeon was summoned, when nine kernels of corn were extracted.

—The Bayfield *Press* says: "We have authentic information that the lake is entirely frozen across from Bark Point to the north shore, and that there is more solid ice this winter than for a number of years outside the islands, for, as far as the eye can reach, no water is visible."

—The suit against the city of Ripon, brought by A. Bittel, for damages sustained in falling through a rickety sidewalk a year and a half ago, has just been decided in the Circuit Court at Fond du Lac for the plaintiff,—$1,200 damages and costs."

—The Hon. Charles H. Larkin has introduced a petition into the Assembly at Madison, asking for a tenure-of-office bill in the case of Chief of Police of Milwaukee. The applicants say that the law may be such as to make a term five years, and his salary $2,500.

—The Green Bay *Advocate* says: "Many of our people will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Pettit, of Kenosha, which took place in Pennsylvania some two weeks since. Her remains were brought to her former home, at Kenosha, for interment. She was a daughter of Captain Estes, well known in the early days of Lake Winnebago navigation as the Captain of the steamer Peytona. She was married in Iowa to Mr. Pettit, formerly of Kenosha, a newspaper writer and artist who died some years ago, leaving her a widow with two children.

INDIANA.

New Albany boasts of a lady 8 feet tall, with black hair touching the ground.

—Sixteen converts to the Baptist Church were baptized in Shelbyville, on Sunday last week. Interest in the revival at this church is undiminished.

—A hotel at South Bend was entered by a gang of burglars the other night, who left only one suit of clothes for the thirty guests in the house. At breakfast, the next morning, toilets were not remarkable for their elegance.

—Terre Haute is circulating a subscription list with which to tempt the State Board of Agriculture to locate the State Fair in that city. The movement is meeting with considerable success, the list showing already a large number of subscribers.

—A couple were married at Esq. Mayhew's office, in Shelbyville, on the 17th, the groom being 84 years old and the bride 19. After the nuptial ceremony, the happy pair bought 25 cents' worth of cheese and crackers and started on foot on their bridal tour to the groom's residence, five miles from the city.

—On Christmas Day a well-known park-ouring farm of Lafayette boxed up a hog's head, an ear of corn, a few oats, and a potato or two, and shipped it to a friend in Cincinnati, by way of a joke, the express charges being $1.60. In return the other day one of the firm received a box by express, which, upon opening, was found to contain the remains of an old tallow candle, of which nothing appeared but the bone and skin. The charge upon the latter was only 75 cents, so that the Lafayette firm is ahead.

—The Indianapolis *Journal* of Jan. 26 says: "A short time since a German named Harmon and a woman named Stallings, left Goshen, Ill., the latter leaving her husband there, and came to this city. The pair took rooms over the corner of Tennessee and New York streets, and set up housekeeping. It is said that the woman induced Harmon to draw his money from the bank and arrange with the house. He had over $4,000, all of which he gave to her save about $500. Monday afternoon he went to the city and found the woman gone, she having taken all but one of the money which he gave to her. It is supposed she went back to Quincy, sending double the price little cash in her possession, easily received the forgiveness of her husband. Poor Harmon got crazy drunk at his loss, and Sunday night he took the late train for Cincinnati, which is the last the police heard of either of the pair."

MICHIGAN.

A pottery will soon be established at Corunna.

—Waterford is to have a fire-brick school building.

—Dr. Walthauser shot a large lynx near Bay City on the 20th inst.

—Pressed oat, wheat and barley straw are being sent in large quantities to the lumber camps, and also to farmers in the "burnt district," in Huron and Sanilac Counties.

—The Directors of the Northern Michigan Agricultural and Mechanical Society have voted to offer $10,000 in speed premiums for horses at the fair next fall.

PERSONAL.

The Chief of Police at Springfield, Mass., plays three games of euchre at once.

—A recent social feature at Rochester, N. Y., was a quadruple birthday celebration by members of the Germania Mannerchor.

—The Hartford Common Council has appointed a special committee to inquire as to the cost of a statue in honor of Dr. Horace Wells. The appropriations made by the State and City, amounting to $10,000, are in the hands of Governor Jewell, and have been well invested to await their legal expenditure.

—Mayor Stokley, of Philadelphia, who is very much occupied with the business of his office, recently refused to receive the Pennsylvania delegates to the Grand Army gathering. The question at once arose, whether it was a blunt refusal, or a kind declaration based upon necessity. Believing it to be the former, the delegation withdrew an invitation to their banquet, previously sent him. The Mayor declares that he meant nothing unkind, but desired to establish a precedent.

—P. P. Pech, of Denver, presented Alexis with an elegant cabinet of mineral specimens from various lodes in the Territory. In return, he received a ring,—a topaz encircled by sixteen diamonds. The Denver *News* says: "We are credibly informed that the Grand Duke Alexis was vexed and chagrined that he was not introduced to any of our young ladies Thursday evening, and that he should have much preferred selecting his own partners." Also, that the Duke and General Sheridan were agreed in the opinion that Miss Demorest, of Golden, was the handsomest lady in the assembly."

—The Rochester, N. Y., *Express* says: "The murder of Jonathan Orton, in his barn on Union street, in 1866, is still fresh in the minds of the majority of our readers. It will be remembered that every effort made by the authorities to ferret out the murderer and bring him to justice failed. We understand that John E. Morey, one of the proprietors of the *Union*, has received a letter from a physician in New York city, enclosing the information that a man named Shehan, who recently died from the effects of a kerosene accident, confessed on his death-bed that he was the murderer of Orton."

—It will be remembered that Miss Sallie Shannon, of Lawrence, Kan., was the object of distinguished attention from the Grand Duke, at the St. Louis ball. The Lawrence *Tribune* says, while the special train carrying the Duke and party was speeding at Kit Carson, at the Duke's suggestion, General Custer telegraphed to Miss Shannon, thinking she had returned home, inviting her to join the party at Topeka, adding that if she could not make it convenient to do so, the party would stop at Lawrence, remain over a short time and call on her. Miss Shannon not being there was deprived of the great honor tendered her.

—A hard hit at the Virginia Legislature of last winter is circulating in Richmond. It appears that a party, who had his own reasons for making the inquiry, approached a Pennsylvania railroad man in Philadelphia, and asked him flatly whether his company intended to spend any more money in Richmond. "No, sir, no; emphatically, no," was the excited reply. "Why not?" "I'll tell you why, sir. The members of the Pennsylvania Legislature are gentlemen—perfect gentlemen, you do not have to bribe them once but—[bringing his fist in virtuous indignation down upon the table] those d—d scoundrels in Virginia have no more conscience that a hog, and you never know when you are done buying them."

—A widow writes a letter of inquiry to the Richwood *Engineer* respecting the payment of the January interest on bonds. She says:

RESPECTED MADAM: They have just reported a bill from the celebrated Joint-Committee, giving you 5 per cent on bonds (the interest) from 1865 and then per centum till 1890. We take you to be about 65 years of age. If so, and you can hold out until after the year 1890, you will get every year 5 per cent. on your debt. We think you would be amply repaid for your five to enjoy the 5 per cent. You would have a good time then. But supposing you to be "fat, fair, and forty," as Champlain, Gloster and the rest of the poets say, the delightful era. The chances are that you would die before you reached it, and if you should reach it, you would almost certainly "shuffle off your mortal coil" before the time was up. We do not wish to flatter you, madam, but we think in these plain terms. The present Legislature does not seem to have any particular concern for the present state of situation. If you had a vote, it might be different. Possibly the "parade" to which you refer would have some effect. An individual pleading has but little impression: it is possible that an army of widows would make a "show" of considerable strength.

"To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak,"
but even that is not impossible, considering the circumstances under which the Legislature was elected.

—David Leavitt, an old resident of Brooklyn now living in Massachusetts, is spending the winter with his friends in New York. He is now 80 years of age, and very active. For a great many years he was the Rothschild of American bankers, and had brains, integrity, popularity, and executive ability enough to control Wall street and keep financial affairs in a healthy order. During the grand smash, in 1837, when the boldest men trembled and blanched with fear, he coolly stood on the steps of the American Exchange Bank, of which he was President, and counselled hope, courage, and faith in the commercial and financial strength of the city, the banks, and the country. His speech to the people who thronged Wall street on the "black day" of that eventful period will never be forgotten by those who heard it. Bank stock was offered at 20, 40, or 50 cents on its par value. That of his own institution was offered below 50. "Bring it to me," he said, "I will take it at 50—all you will deliver;" and he did take it in large amounts, and he never regretted it, for it soon rose to par.

—The Portland *Advertiser* has been reviewing the career of Edith O'Gorman. It says: "If we have doubted her pretensions it has been because we have sincerely believed that she was a humbug, a mere adventuress, hired to tell a sensational story merely for the sake of the money it brought, and not from any desire to promote Protestantism or eradicate the corruption of Roman Catholicism. Her story is doubtless a patchwork of truth and fiction: it is not all true; it is not all false. There is enough truth to augur ocean the falsehood and make it more easily swallowed. But the falsehood is the effective part of her preparation; the rest merely renders the introduction into the mind a little more easy. We believe Protestantism can stand on its own merits. If Romanism uses corrupt agencies to make proselytes, that is no reason why Protestantism should, but, on the contrary, a very excellent reason why it should not. A school of physicians which should employ quacks and charlatans to break down another school, would inevitably lose the confidence of the public, and a religious body which endorses religious quacks will in time suffer the same way."

—The negroes of Washington are still in great alarm about being murdered for dissection. A few nights ago, as "Joe," a well-known colored crier of oysters, fish, and watermelons, was walking in Fighting alley, a stout white man, he says, stealthily approached him, and, after slapping a sticking plaster to his mouth to prevent his giving an alarm, attempted to shoulder him. "Jos," however, gathered up all his strength, and, making a desperate effort, succeeded in breaking away, and ran into a house in the neighborhood, where the inmates, by the application of water, relieved him of his inconvenient mouthpiece. He then told the excited group around him what had happened, as related above, and they rejoiced with him exceedingly on his narrow escape from being converted into castor oil. One of the bystanders went to the police station and secured the aid of some of the force, but the sticking plaster man was not found. It is very probable that this was a joke played off on "Old Joe," but he and those who saw him, do not regard it in that light. They firmly believe it was a genuine "night doctor," who wanted him for the oil. One consequence of the occurrence is, that but few colored people go out after dark now in that section of the city.

—The great works which are to make the present year famous in the history of Richmond are: the deepening of James River, the tunnel through Church Hill, the free bridge across James River, and the annexation of Manchester.

EUROPE.

New Year's Day at Paris, Berlin, and Rome.

Peace Policy of Russia---The Bishop of Orleans and the French Academy.

The Ruins of Paris---Rebuilding---Compulsory Public Instruction.

From Our Special Correspondent.
ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 6.

NEW YEAR'S AT PARIS.

The President of the French Republic has acted with great tact at the New Year's reception, in making no speech at all. That was certainly the best course he could pursue, as the centre of gravity in the European balance of power has ceased to be in France. How deeply the French feel the change which their former proud and domineering position has undergone, can be seen from the tenor of their newspapers. They all praise the course of Mr. Thiers, and consider his silence as a proof of dignity and a sign of tact. The *Agence Havas*, which furnishes the telegraphe despatches to the public press, takes especial pains to say, at the conclusion of every telegram in regard to the several receptions: "There were no speeches made." On former occasions it had devolved upon the Papal Nuncio to address the Chief of the State; but this time the mouth of that high dignitary and representative of the Infallible Pope remained closed. Mr. Thiers' voice, in his conversation with the several diplomatists, was not raised above a whisper, for the obvious purpose of demonstrating that the conversation was nothing but a private talk. Even when Mr. de Girardin, in the name of the Court of Appeals, and Mr. Frank, of the Institute, in the name of the Jewish Consistory, officially addressed the Chief of the Republic, Mr. Thiers contented himself with answering a few words without significence.

NEW YEAR'S AT BERLIN.

At Berlin, contrary to the expectations and wishes of the French press, the ceremonies of New Year's Day were very simple, and the Emperor William was very far from imitating the bad example set by Louis Napoleon. He alluded, in his answer to the congratulations of his Generals and the members of his Cabinet, to the glorious deeds of his army, and spoke hopefully of the future; but he, in a very modest way, did not rely only upon the strength of the German Empire, but expressed a great confidence in the friendship existing between Germany and its great neighbors, Russia and Austria.

RUSSIA PEACEFUL.

Speaking of Russia, I wrote in my last letter what the official *Gouvernoni Advertiser* had to say in regard to the position of Russia in the affairs of Europe; and now comes the *Journal de St. Petersbourg*, the semi-official organ of the Czar in the following terms: "If Russia had entertained any ideas of conquest, she has changed, the opportunity to carry out such intentions were not wanting. But the policy of the Empire was not one of sentimentality; on the contrary, the Russian Cabinet considers the friendly neutrality of Austria and of Turkey as elements necessary for the preservation of the European balance of power, and, therefore, it could not for a moment separate the cause of Russia from the interests of peace and the maintenance of the social and political order of Europe." That is rather plain and significant talk, and it is hardly to be expected that the pressure of the Ultramontane, or whose Jesuitical sympathies revenge-thirsty France puts so many great hopes in, when in the course of human events will ascend the Throne of Peter the Great, will speedily discard the pacific policy of his father.

NEW YEAR'S AT ROME.

Of more importance than the New Year's Day ceremonies at Paris and at Berlin were those at Rome

ST. LOUIS.

...y Again—Interesting Incident in the Missouri Legislature.

Decal Trip Southward---The Steamer Great Republic.

...r Street and the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

"Passive" Policy---Governor Brown and the State Credit.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 26.

THE GRAND DUKE AGAIN.

...e Grand Duke Alexis, after his advent...in the Far West,—if any place can now ...and that will acknowledge such design...—among the red men and buffaloes, is ...safely ensconced within the comforta...alls of the Southern Hotel, taking his ...and preparing for his journey South-...

...his way here from the West, the Ducal ...stopped at Jefferson City on Tuesday, ...sponse to an invitation from the Mis... Legislature, who received him in joint ...sion. After the formal reception, an ad...ment was had for a short time, to allow ...ion of informal conversation, introduc... and the inevitable hand-shaking that ...s, whether native or foreign. After ...business was resumed, to allow His Im... Highness and suite an opportunity to ...w the People's representatives make ...r the benefit of our sovereigns. It ...ure that the following

INTERESTING INCIDENT

...k place. A bill was introduced in the ...ate to condemn to the use of the State a ...e of ground lying contiguous to the new ...rnor's Mansion, which it was desirable ...d to the grounds, that the surroundings ...building might be made more perfect ...fitting in all things. I now quote from ...Missouri Republican's Jefferson City cor...pondence:

...ort from Standing Committees being in or...r. Brockmeyer, from the Committee on the ...ary, reported adversely on the passage of ...bill authorizing the condemnation of a ...ce of ground adjoining the lot on which the ...nor's Mansion is located, with a view of ...ding to the Mansion grounds.

...Brockmeyer said that, while the Committee ...mitting this report, Mr. Brockmeyer ...ed that, while the Committee regarded the ...ans for this addition as eminently desirable, ...y the Mansion grounds and ...e a symmetrical geometric figure, yet ...ld not recommend the use of public ...ey as justify the invasion of a citizen's right to ...e property. "Under our Constitution and ...ws of this State," said the Senator, "the ...ent of Eminent Domain can only be exer... when some general public use is to be ...ed. The public good demands it, and ...ensation is paid. Mr. B. was interrogated as to ...ther the Governor's mansion was not a pub... building and the grounds thereof public ...ds, and also whether the owner of this ...e of ground was not seeking to take advan... of the State by asking an outrageously ex...ant price?

Mr. Brockmeyer replied that it made no differ... if the owner showed a disposition to sell for ...e reasonable price. The case was precisely analo... to one which came up in Prussia some years ...o. A Royal residence had been built near a mill, ...e operations disturbed and annoyed the Royal household. The owner of the mill ob...tinately refused to sell his property or stop the ...ise. Suit was instituted in the Courts ...inst the nuisance. The case was carried up ...the highest Court in the Higher Courts until ...e Supreme Court in the Kingdom. Upon ...ful research decided that there was no ...w in Prussia which could deprive a subject ...his rights to use his property, or in this ...e unreasonable the convenience of the ...ic. "Certainly," said Mr. B., "the ...ds of the owner of this piece of property ...t to be so sacred under our Republican form ...overnment as under the Monarchical system ...Prussia?" The reply to Mr. Brockmeyer ...s the uncle of the Grand Duke, and ...incident seemed to be familiar to the distin...ished guests, as was shown by an interchange ...glances and a smile. Alexis turned to ...or Rollins, and whispered a request for ...troduction to the Senator who was then ...ding.

SECURING ALEXIS AS AN HOSTAGE.

...dmiral Possiet is reported to have said ...the most exciting experience of the ...ip in America was the buffalo hunt, and ...s a most interesting incident their visit to ...Missouri Legislature. Several days be...the visit of the Grand Duke, while the ...ver House was considering the matter of ...reception, one of the members, alluding ...the unpleasant and ridiculous Fish-Catzer ...terlude, and the alleged anger of ...s Gortschakoff, which was then report...in the papers, suggested that, in view of a ...ible rupture with Russia, it might be a ...tic and strategic step to secure the Duke ...a hostage! A suggestion which, had it ...ched the ears of the Prince and suite, ...ht have materially modified the measure ...is satisfaction with Missouri and her ...gislators, and given him a new sensation, ...well as original views of International ...w and comity, from a Western standpoint.

INVITATIONS FROM RURAL TOWNS.

...e Duke has been honored with invita...ns from various ambitious rural towns, ...ong others one from Duvall's Bluffs. It ...very likely that few of the numerous ...aders of THE TRIBUNE know where ...vall's Bluffs is, or what the place amounts ...when known. But certain of our gallant ...ors and soldiers who operated with our ...t boats on the Western rivers of Secessia ...ll remember knocking a somewhat for...dable iron-clad fort about the ears of its ...lent garrison at that point, during the ...ebellion, and getting aground. It is in Arkansas. Columbia, in ...State, the seat of the State University, ...o also invited the Duke; but, on his ...ely declining the honor, the Columbians ...ed on another track, and speedily ...ded that as he isn't much of a ...ter anyway, and that the mansion in ...ion is mortgaged, and toadied elsewhere is simply ...ssing. A shame to our vaunted demo...ic institutions, until one naturally reverts ...the all-illustrated fable concerning one ...ypsand and certain unget-at-able grapes.

THE DUCAL TRIP SOUTH.

...s suggested in my last letter, the con...ded low stage of water renders it quite ...ssible, if not impossible, for the steamer ...Republic to come here to receive the ...ke and party. The programme has been ...ar changed as to involve a visit to the ...mmoth Cave of Kentucky, *via* Louisville ...here, and that the river trip to New ...leans will be made from Memphis. The ...ks will leave here by rail, owing to ...illiberal course of the City Council in ...using to extend further use of the streets ...Missouri Pacific Railroad from their ...t to the river, a distance of only seven ...ks, the Ducal train, now within a mile ...d a half of the road on the Illinois ...e, which it is to be transferred, must ...n to Kansas City, and thence back to ...city by the North Missouri Railroad—a ...t of 600 miles—before it can be put ...the Mississippi River!

THE GREAT REPUBLIC.

...e boat, upon which Alexis will voyage ...the Mississippi from Memphis to New ...ans is probably the finest, as well as ...gest of the steamers navigating Western ...ers. She is 376 feet in length, and 60 feet ...eadth of beam. In exterior appearance, ...s differs but little from other crafts of her ...ding to the flat bottoms of their ...ught. Constructed with a view to lightest ...ible draught, they all have the general ...earance of a light, ornate, three-story ...ructure, erected on a flat-boat; ...ing, excepting the chimneys, ...t shine with a gloss of varnish and fre...ent the broadside of the wheelhouse is ...ted with bright colors, and panel...and moulding. The Great Republic, ...ever, has a more imposing, turret-like pilot-...e, on the top of which a dome-like, ...ht is seen, the splendor of a deep cerulean blue. ...is is gorgeous in effect. On entering ...the visitor for a while bewildered with ...e profusion of gracefully-carved columns, ...ssing, painting, and colored glass. In the ...d of the forward end of the grand saloon ...ands the Clerk's office,—a handsome struc...e of ground glass, heavy panelling, and ...tastic mouldings. A double row of beau...ul columns, extending the full length of ...e saloon, assists in supporting the "hurri...ane" deck, and divides the magnificent ...partment into three avenues. The wide...t, one contains the tables, ...h which are suspended handsome ...ps, each side of this grand ...ay. Easy access to the state-rooms, unimpeded ...y stairs or other furniture, which are placed ...the columns. Around the raised ...ntral portion of this saloon, besides the ...ree high-lights admitting daylight, are ...ven numerous panel pictures, in oil, ...ch being various striking views and ...ginal objects upon the Western rivers. ...e state-rooms are large and airy, furnished ...h every convenience for the toilette, and ...ey are handsomely draped with white ...d hangings of green rep. In the after ...rtion of the saloon—usually fitted and fur...shed more luxuriously, for the accommoda...n of the fairer sex—an immense mirror, or ...ies, rests upon a platform of white ...ble, and large windows of richly-stained ...ss light this apartment with a warm and ...autiful radiance, and the heavy velvet car...ts and splendid piano, the elegant chairs ...d sofas of the finest; and the whole ...ng in an air of softest luxury and bar...onial magnificence, combines to make a voy...e on board such surroundings seem a very ...ourney in Fairy-Land.

THE HARBOR AGAIN.

A few days ago, a party, consisting of various city officials, civil engineers, and prominent citizens, embarked on one of the Ferry-boats for a reconnoissance of the harbor, in view of the threatening course of the river recently. The trip was prolonged to the mouth of the Missouri, some 20 miles above. They found that stream hurling itself, with great force across the Mississippi, and bringing upon the Illinois shore so much sand that many acres had already been cut away, and the process was still continuing. Several families had abandoned their dwellings near the river, and others were preparing to move. The boat containing the party steamed over the spot where lately a railroad ran, whose line had been rebuilt farther away from the encroaching water. While all agreed that *something* must soon be done, no plan seems to have been decided on, and almost each individual has some different theory and some different remedy.

HOUSE-WARMING.

On Tuesday evening, Governor B. Gratz Brown and wife held their first reception in the new Executive Mansion at Jefferson City; and, on the following evening, a number of their friends presented to Mrs. Brown a fine, life-size portrait of the Governor, painted by Mr. Powers, of St. Louis. It is a striking likeness, and elicited general commendation from all who saw it.

THE NEW THEATRE.

The old Fifth Street Opera House, having been remodelled, refurnished, and redecorated, into an elegant little theatre, opened on Monday night to a brilliant and fashionable audience, with one of Robertson's monosyllable dramas,—"Play." It was very excellently represented. Mr. Rankin opened his new house under promising auspices, and the enterprise appears to me to fill a want that has long existed, and, if properly managed, cannot fail to prove successful.

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

A few days since, a most horrible occurrence here revealed to what a depth of shameless and criminal nature can descend. A batch of prisoners was being conveyed in the "Black Maria," an omnibus-like vehicle, with small, grated windows and a securely-locked door. While *en route* for their destination, three ruffians assaulted a female in the vehicle, and, despite her resistance and cries, successively violated her, in the presence of a couple of other prisoners, colored, who did not interfere. The driver thought the disturbance inside was only a drunken brawl, and paid so little attention to it that he was entirely unaware of the horrible nature of the crime being perpetrated within. The poor victim of this assault seems to have borne no worse character than arises from a too habitual use of liquor, and her only excuse, pity that her unfortunate appetite should have exposed her to such a brutal and shameful outrage. The presence of witnesses in such close proximity, however, renders certain the conviction and punishment of the brutes.

THE RAILROAD AND THE STREETS.

For a year past the Missouri Pacific Railroad has had the use of Poplar street,—a narrow and insignificant one, and no great thoroughfare,—and has thus been enabled to reach the elevator on the levee with its grain cars, and the transfer-boats with cattle-cars and other freight as was destined to go through to Eastern points. This privilege expired by limitation on the first of the year; and an application for renewal was met by numerous opposition from a few inconsiderable property-owners on Poplar street, who put in claims for exaggerated damages in consequence of the noise made by the engines and cars at night. The hours to which the railroad company agreed to limit the use of the streets were from 11 p. m. to 5 a. m., when the ordinary use thereof was nearly suspended. The grade being a heavy one, ascending from the river, the labor of the laboring engines was of course loud; but that it amounted to the inconvenience represented, or to the damages claimed, is not true. Your correspondent lodged on Fifth, just off Poplar, in full sight and hearing of the track, and never had his rest broken by them. Of course, others may be more easily disturbed; but all the personal inconvenience, magnified tenfold, could be deducted from a tithe of that to which the trade of the road and the city is now subjected, to say nothing of positive pecuniary loss. From 200 to 300 car-loads of wheat from the West are left standing on the side-tracks from day to day, with slim chance of transfer to elevator or warehouse, or of forwarding to Eastern markets. The members of the Council seem to have less regard for the convenience of the city and its commerce, and that of the country tributary to it, than for the votes in the lower portion of the city, scuttling-holes in the King's highway, which may have been limited by extensive sales at low prices. He recommends that appeals to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia be confined to questions of law, since questions of fact in these cases may be supposed to have been amply considered by a principal Examiner, the Board of Examiners in Chief, and by the Commissioner in person. He proposes that in applications for reissue, either specifications, models, or drawings may be amended so as to show what is clearly shown in any one of the three, and authorizes the case of joint applications for patents, a misjoiner, where no fraud is intended, shall be good ground for reissue.

The present mode of patenting designs, the Commissioner is of opinion, is radically wrong. That which is a mere design, differing from other well-known articles only in unimportant details of color or shape, as by the present law permitted to be "patented" affixed to it, when only the design has been registered, thereby deceiving the public, wronging inventors, and bringing patented articles into disrepute. It is recommended to withdraw the right to use the word "Patented" and substitute "Registered," for affixing to designs. The recommendations of Hall have seen a few discriminating funerals.

"PUCK."

For a year past there has been published here, in the German language, a weekly comic illustrated paper, which has attracted much attention and popularity from the happy manner in which it has hit off the peculiarities and follies of the time. It has become both a favorite among our English-speaking citizens that it has been determined to publish it in English, as well as German, commencing about the 1st of March.

"PASSING."

You have, of course, received accounts of the Liberal Republican Convention held in Jefferson City on the afternoon of Wednesday. The Convention was large in numbers, and, being composed of the very best material to be found among the Republican party of Missouri, was elevated and dignified in tone and character, and the opinions it put forward will carry a weight of influence that will command the attention and respect of all patriotic citizens who have no other aims than the welfare and progress of our whole country, irrespective of party or section. There is no doubt that the best class of the old Democratic party will heartily aid this reformatory, patriotic movement, unfortunately so sadly needed,—that portion of the Democratic party which is really patriotic, and whose love of country is above and beyond a slavish fealty to the musty traditions of their party. The *Missouri Republican* is vigorously working in the right direction, unmindful of the *Times*, and other "cure of low degree" barking at its heels, and will reap honor and respect when they are drowned in the pool of contemptuous forgetfulness.

GOVERNOR BROWN AND MISSOURI'S CREDIT.

The Legislature has recently debated at length the question of paying the maturing State indebtedness in gold or greenbacks. A majority of the Legislature decided on a semi-repudiation of the contract between the State and its bondholders, and passed a concurrent resolution directing the Fund Commissioners to pay in greenbacks. But Governor Brown has the credit and interest of the State too much at heart to permit such a violation of a plain and honest bargain, if he can prevent it, and will veto it. His veto-message, which is soon expected, is reported to be an exhaustive and conclusive document against such a policy, and will no doubt augment the estimation in which he is held as a clear-headed and just statesman, who will not consent to evade a contract, dishonor the State, reduce the market value of its securities, and draw upon its authorities deserved contempt. It is understood that he will be reinforced by the opinions of the Supreme Court Judges.

E. M. D.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Adverse Report of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary, in their report against the memorial of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Isabella Hooker, Susan B. Anthony and others, say:

It was argued before the Committee by the memorialists,—who, by a departure from the usual practice of the Committee, were admitted to a public discussion of the principles involved in the memorial,—that the right of every citizen, male or female, to vote was secured by that clause of the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution which provides that no State shall make or enforce any laws which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, and that the second section was designed to fix a penalty on the State for a violation of the former provision. But such a construction is at war with all the theories of constitutional government. An unconstitutional act is no act, in other words, an unconstitutional act is void. If the Legislature of a State may attempt to pass a law impairing the obligation of contracts, and the Legislature cannot pass such an act the attempt is void, and the obligation of the contractor is not impaired. It would, therefore, be absurd to punish a State for the vain, ineffectual attempt to impair the obligation of a contract, a thing it could not do, and, therefore, had not attempted.

So if, by the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment, no State can make or enforce any law to deny the right of suffrage to any portion of its male citizens over 21 years of age, and the commission of a crime, then an attempt to do so would be merely void, wholly inoperative, and it would be absurd to punish the State for doing what it could not do, and, therefore, had not done. The remedy under the Constitution of a State is by application to the judicial Courts of the Union which have jurisdiction in all cases arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States and a supervisory control by writ of error, in State Courts in regard to causes in which either party asserts a right or privilege under the Constitution or laws of the Union which is denied or overruled by the State Courts. But there is another reason equally conclusive why the proper construction contended for by the Fourteenth Amendment Congress is empowered to enforce all the provisions of that amendment by appropriate legislation; therefore, if a State should attempt to exclude from the right of suffrage any person entitled, under the Fourteenth Amendment, to participate therein it would be the undoubted duty of Congress to defeat such attempt by appropriate legislation; an that to regard the concluding section of this amendment as imposing upon the State a penalty for denying this right includes the absurdity of imposing such penalty for an attempt of the State to do what it is the duty of Congress to prevent. Again, the right of female suffrage is inferentially denied by the second section of the Fourteenth Amendment, which provides that in case a State shall exercise any right of suffrage conferred by the Constitution of the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. This amendment would have been wholly unnecessary if the Fourteenth Amendment had secured to all citizens the right of suffrage. It must be regarded as recognizing the right of every State, under the Constitution as it previously stood, to deny or abridge the right of a citizen to vote on any account in the possession of which, and by the Fifteenth Amendment the rights of States in this respect are only so far restricted that no State can make any laws which shall discriminate in civil rights or immunities on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. With this single exception of race, color, and previous condition of servitude, the power of a State to make such exclusion is left untouched, and, indeed, is actually recognized by the Fifteenth Amendment as existing. The Committee say they have confined themselves to the precise question involved in the memorial—namely, the present Constitutional right of female citizens to vote, as to which the Committee are unanimous,—and have not considered the broader question, whether the Constitution ought to be so amended as to permit female suffrage. A report upon which might develop a difference of opinion among the members of the Committee.

THE PATENT OFFICE.

Report of the Commissioner of Patents.

The annual report of the Patent Office is required by law to be presented to Congress in the month of January. The number of applications for patents last year was 19,342; patents issued, 13,087; caveats filed, 2,326; patents expired, 2,654. Of patents issued, all but 522 went to citizens of the United States. Connecticut still keeps the lead in respect to the ingenuity of her people, there being a large number of patents issued to them, in proportion to population; and this is the case with any other State. The District of Columbia comes next in this respect, the atmosphere of the Patent Office, perhaps, stimulating invention. Massachusetts is the next in this order of merit. A diagram published with the report indicates the progress of the business in caveats, applications, and issues, reached, chiefly by very rapid strides in 1864, 1865, 1866, and 1867, its culmination in 1868, since which time there has been a slight falling off in numbers, though the past year is in excess of 1870.

The statement of accounts shows that the Patent Office has received and paid into the United States Treasury during the year a surplus over all expenditures of $116,624.83; and that in the expenditures, $47,885.37 is included for property belonging to this year's expenses, and of a permanent character that will not require repetition. Commissioner Leggett gives good reasons for his belief that the abolition of the old form of Patent Office reports has been a measure of at least questionable utility, and indicates very clearly the unsatisfactory nature of its substitute so far as the mass of inventors is concerned. The publication of the Official Classified Index issued by the office, a publication whose merits are not generally understood or appreciated, its sales only reaching 1,000 the present year, the bulk and contents of the *Official Gazette* are set forth, and the suggestion made that the advertisements required by law prior to reissues should be published in this and no other paper, at the expense of the applicants, as the circulation of 12,000 models in rejected cases is detailed.

Commissioner Leggett thinks it advisable to open correspondence with the Canadian authorities, through diplomatic channels, with a view to arrange a basis upon which the same facilities may be granted to our citizens in securing patents in Canada that we grant to Canadians in obtaining United States patents. He also suggests that why our citizens should not be limited, where they have first obtained a patent in a foreign country, to a "patent" for only the same length of time in this country, by an amendment to provide for recording licenses to manufacture granted by patentees; as such a record would be preventive of fraud upon the public. The Patent Office, whose labors may have been limited by extensive sales at low prices, he recommends that appeals to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia be confined to questions of law, since questions of fact in these cases may be supposed to have been amply considered by a principal Examiner, the Board of Examiners in Chief, and by the Commissioner in person. He proposes that in applications for reissue, either specifications, models, or drawings may be amended so as to show what is clearly shown in any one of the three, and authorizes the case of joint applications for patents, a misjoiner, where no fraud is intended, shall be good ground for reissue.

The present mode of patenting designs, the Commissioner is of opinion, is radically wrong. That which is a mere design, differing from other well-known articles only in unimportant details of color or shape, as by the present law permitted to be "patented" affixed to it, when only the design has been registered, thereby deceiving the public, wronging inventors, and bringing patented articles into disrepute. It is recommended to withdraw the right to use the word "Patented" and substitute "Registered," for affixing to designs. The recommendations of Hall have seen a few discriminating funerals.

OBITUARY.

General Richard Stoddard Ewell.

General Richard Stoddard Ewell died at his residence in Maury County, Tennessee, Jan. 25.

General Ewell was born in Tennessee about the year 1816, and entered the Military Academy, West Point, in 1838, having been nominated therefor by President Jackson. He was brevetted Second Lieutenant in the First Dragoons, July 1, 1840. Ewell's merits were promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He served in the Mexican war and attained marked distinction. He commanded a squadron at Cerro Gordo, and was brevetted Captain and Major for gallant and meritorious conduct at that battle and at Contreras.

In August, 1849, he attained the full rank of Captain. At the outbreak of the Rebellion, Ewell promptly sided with the Secessionists, and was promoted to the command of an important division. He took part in the first battle of Bull Run, where he was severely wounded, and personally led the Union troops. He did not, however, suffer in the estimation of his superior officers by this reverse. He was raised to the rank of Major General, and, at the head of a large force, was one of the first in beginning hostilities in 1862. In command of 5,000 men he was defeated General Fremont near Union Church, June 3. The engagement was indecisive. The Union troops lost 664 men, while Ewell reported a total loss on his side of 320. Our troops expected to fight the first next morning, but during the night Ewell evidently moved off, carrying away all but his mortally wounded. Ewell was next actively engaged in the series of battles and conflicts upon Richmond. Lee sent him down the left bank of the Chickahominy to watch the road leading down the Peninsula, and thus rendered him a participator in the Seven Days' battles, movements consequent upon McClellan's retreat. In the hostilities which continued until the surrender at Appomattox, General Ewell took an active part, and was regarded as one of the most capable commanders on the rebel side. Among the notable incidents of his career was a sharp skirmish with Hooker at Centreville Station, where he was overpowered and driven back upon Jackson at Manassas. At Thoroughfare Gap he received a severe wound, rendering it necessary to amputate his leg. He accompanied the northward march, and his forces took part in the investment and capture of Harper's Ferry. At Antietam he was encountered by Hooker, whom he was compelled to yield to the impetuous charge of Union soldiery. He next rendered the rebel cause service by hastening the surrender of Winchester and Martinsburg. He was then sent to the Rapidan, and when his lines were broken in the desperate charge on Cemetery Hill, the day was lost to his cause. Leading the last conflict on the Wilderness, Gap, during the retreat, and stubbornly contesting the advance of the National troops in the Wilderness. He was at length brought to bay by Sheridan, and surrendered with 6,000 men on the 6th of April, 1865. Soon after the close of the war, he retired to Tennessee, and engaged in cotton speculations.

General Ewell's wife died Jan. 22, only three days before her husband, and of the same disease,—pneumonia. She was a daughter of Judge Campbell, Minister to Russia under General Jackson, and was born in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Eliza Bancroft Davis.

Worcester (Mass.) papers announce the death in that city, on Wednesday last, of Mrs. Eliza Bancroft Davis, widow of the late Hon. John Davis. Mrs. Davis was the daughter of the Rev. Aaron Bancroft, D. D., of Worcester, and sister of the Hon. George Bancroft, the historian, now United States Minister at Berlin. She was born Feb. 17, 1791, and was thus very nearly 81 years of age. Her marriage with the late Hon. John Davis took place on the 20th of March, 1823. Her husband was Congressman from the Worcester District from 1835 to 1853, then Governor of Massachusetts for two years, then Senator in Congress from 1845 to 1851, then Governor again for two years, and then Senator again from 1845 to 1853; having been in high public office, almost without interruption, for 23 years. The Hon. John C. B. Davis, recently Assistant United States Secretary of State, and now Agent of the Government in preparing its claims against England before the Arbitrators at Geneva, is Mrs. Davis's eldest child. General Hasbrouck Davis, of Chicago, a distinguished officer in the war of the rebellion, who lately lost his life by the wreck of a European steamer, was her son. Of her other children, all sons, one is an invalid, living abroad, and two are successful business men in California.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.

Having lately purchased a full set of the bound volumes of *Harper's Weekly*,—which is most truly a journal of civilization when not defending any accident of the hour, or any accident of power, as it at present seems to be doing,—my eye lights, in volume 10, page 536, upon an attack on President Johnson, which is a good example of blow hot, blow cold, so far as that journal is concerned:

The President's policy proves to be the President's pleasure. When it is convenient for him to treat a State as fully in the Union, the President's policy requires our assent. When convenient to consider it under absolute military control, the President's policy requires us to say Amen. When the President blows cold, we must cry that it is warm. If he blows cold, we must declare that it is exceedingly chilly. If he denounces martyrdom as a revolutionary fit not receiving the Representatives of Louisiana, we must beg him to sweep them out of the Capitol. If he turns on the heat to reduce Kellogg to the Governor of Louisiana, we must vow that he is a Savior of the Constitution.

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The plans for the Chicago Post Office are now nearly matured. The building will be the largest Post Office in America,—336 feet long by 210 wide. It will be Romanesque, surmounted, over the central projections of the long sides, by pavilions of the dome character, capped with cupolas,—a pair of domes on each side, making four in all,—and between the domes, a sort of Gothic gable. The ends will have a similar treatment, without domes. In this style of architecture, which is after the favorite manner of the celebrated London architect, Inigo Jones, the stone is roughly treated, and the dressed surface stands in coarse relief upon smooth borders. Each story makes an approach to an ornate finish; but the horizontal lines between the floors are ornamented in a nondescript way, not with the dignity of an entablature, but with medieval parallel lines which faintly suggest an entablature. The windows are large, and, therefore, comparatively few. The true cornice at the top is rich and elaborate, but not very prominent. Mullett, the Treasury Architect, has an office on the upper floor of the Treasury Building, which communicates with a large, light room opening upon one of the Treasury Courts; and here from a dozen to twenty or thirty draughtsmen, designers, and young men who have adopted this profession for life, put into execution the architect's conceits. Especial plans will be taken in this building with the heating, ventilating, and sewerage,—the case and comfort of the employes being more properly provided for than in Post Offices hereforore constructed.

NEW STATE DEPARTMENT.

The new State Department at Washington has been finally reduced to the plans, and both elevations, lengthwise and endwise, are shown in large photographs taken from the drawings in sepia. The whole building must be in granite, and must correspond, in the grandeur of its style, to the Treasury at the other side, although the two buildings resemble each other in no other respects, —the Treasury being Ionic, and the State Department Classical Renaissance. Both edifices are to be of like-grained granite.

INIGO JONES.

Considerable latitude of opinion exists as to Inigo Jones, whose spirit will be revived in the Chicago Post Office, as it has been in many of Mr. Mullett's larger constructions. Ferguson, the dominant English authority in architecture at present, gives a warm eulogium of Jones and thinks him the best architect produced in the British Islands. Jones flourished between 1572 and 1653. He studied on the Continent, and derived his principal originals from Vignola, Serlio, and Andrea Palladio. Ben Jonson satirizes him, although Jones was his friend, in "Bartholomew Fair." He projected the largest palace in Europe, on the Middle Scheldt, for Philip of Spain, but finished only the banqueting house, in the rear of which the head of Charles the First was chopped off.

CONGRESSMAN CESSNA.

The Committee on Elections has showed exceptional justice in treating the case of John Cessna, contestant for the seat of Benjamin Parke from the Altoona District of Pennsylvania. The credentials showed Myers to have been elected by about four-teen votes; which was, of course, a temptation to contest, if the smaller majority in favor of the voted full pay as contestant. It is rumored that the Committee has not only confirmed the Democrat, Myers, in the seat, by the usual vote of eight to one; but several members have declared that they only had about six times the majority reported for him. Mr. George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, worked zealously to see justice done to Cessna, and the only member reported to have reserved his opinion is Eanes, successor to Jenckes, a man who has spent his whole life in the State Legislature, and who, like Jenckes, "educates" everything that happens in Congress, from the rise of a gnat to the getting of his stationery. Some men grow gray by greatness; others by littleness. Eanes is in the latter scale of values. The only shadow of argument that Cessna had against Myers was the fact that, in the precincts carried by Myers, some sixty-odd votes were polled by a man resident there but for a few months. Congress, having permitted volunteer soldiers to vote in Schenck's District and other places, did not feel disposed to wheel about and sustain Cessna, with his unsavory notoriety, achieved in the Chorpenning case. Cessna is a lawyer, like Myers, at the town of Bedford, and is President of the Railroad Company there. If he gets into Congress again, he will soon be winding up the Chorpenning crank.

Eames, the only man on the Committee who voted for Cessna, was the late late eulogist of Roger Williams. Nobody could hear what he had to say, but a very funny scene instantly took place over Roger's memory, in which Sam Cox seized the favorite refrain of "Puritan bigotry and intolerance," and did more injustice to Roger by being his defender than the original Calvinists, who condemned him and his creed to the congenial snores of Narragansett Bay.

STATUO SPEECHES.

The other day, having occasion to read up some matters in the State of Connecticut, I dropped into the Congressional Library, and, repairing to the alcove where such histories are kept, found not a tome upon the Nutmeg State.

"Gracious Heavens!" I exclaimed, "can a State so prolific in clocks and shoe-peg outs have made itself no home literature? Amidst all the manufacture of subscription-books in sandy Hartford, has not a single paper, wide margins, gilt bindings, been done for the native heath of Barnum, Colt, and Elias Howe?"

"Oh!" exclaimed one of the Librarians, coming along, "there are plenty of books on Connecticut; but they are all out. The two statues of Trumbull and Sherman are shortly to be set up, and as the United States and all the Connecticut members are making themselves acquainted, for the first time, with the history of their Commonwealth, in order to make speeches."

These two statues are boldly denominated "Sherman," "Trumbull"—one word only on the base of each; and, being covered up with muslin, as to hide everything but the shoes and inscription, are gazed at by the country people and variously commented upon. The opinion has been expressed that Congress might have something better to do than to put up statues of Lyman Trumbull and John Sherman while still members of the Senate. One old woman, the other day, struck her umbrella violently on the floor, and said: "That Chase Sherman, she'd never been tell of him, but, as for that Trumbull, who voted agin impeachment, she could not abide to see *his* statoo." It is now that we come to think of it, rather hard on posterity to be obliged to read over the biographies of these old chaps, who have come down to us from a former generation, in order to make some remark or other about their effigies.

THE MINT REFORM.

William D. Kelley, of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, showed plainly, the other day, that in the pursuit of cheap notoriety as a Tariff-maker, he has completely neglected his business in the matter of coinage and mintage. He averred that he had conducted a voluminous correspondence with all the learned people of the country, gone over the new bill line by line, and, in short, was the author of it; whereas, in fact, he did not know a word about it, and, when questions were asked him about whether this or that provision was in the bill, Kelley answered wildly, and always wrong; and finally he was slaughtered, and the bill remanded. The vanity of these man-made bills ridiculous. Last year I sent you a full synopsis of the new Coinage bill, which is the work of John Jay Knox, assisted by H. R. Linderman, Robert Patterson, and E. B. Elliott. Kelley had the audacity not to know or to pretend to know it well enough to defend it. The attacks upon this bill were led by Clarkson Potter, of New York State, who presided over the Rochester Democratic Convention of 1868, and finished up the Tammany party in the Empire State. Potter is the son-in-law, or some kind of (Elizabeth Smith), the old Democratic Union College, who had some knowledge of coinage, and endeavored in vain to communicate the same to Potter. Take, for example, Potter's attack on the small additions of $200 apiece to the salaries of our Coast Survey officers.

JOHN TORREY'S CASE.

These in John Torrey, Assayer-in-Chief of the New York Assay Office. This devoted old man, who has served many faithful years for our Government, and who not only must fulfil all the responsible duties of his legitimate office, but is compelled, without additional compensation, to analyze Custom House parcels—such as patent medicines, etc., where a time character of attainment is needed—gets but $2,000 a year; and, but for his incidental connection with Columbia College as a lecturer and Professor, he could not afford to have a residence in New York City. Living within the College precincts, he has a home; but the salary which the United States pays him could scarcely find him boarding-house accommodations. It was proposed to add a few hundred dollars to the old gentleman's salary, and immediately the demagogues sailed in. After knocking at the provision for buncombe, the Committee on Appropriations immediately added $1,500 to Torrey's salary on learning the facts. Now, Kelley had not enough knowledge to make even this plain. The new Mint bill would meet with no genuine opposition, were it not that it proposes to establish a Mint Bureau at the Treasury Department, which shall supersede the old, traditional supremacy of the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, one Pollock. Pollock and his friends, abetted by a penny newspaper called the *Ledger*, have startled the row. Nothing can be done in this country in the way of reform but your average Philadelphian screws his eye-glass up into his brain, and inquires whether this might not somehow affect the matter of League Island.

FREE COINAGE.

An important part of the new Coinage bill was that abolishing the coinage charges at the Mint, following the precedents of other enlightened countries, which have greatly extended their specie circulation, and distributed it throughout civilization, to the immeasurable benefit of their commerce; while we are charging one-half of 1 per cent for doing the same thing,—thus making it an object with the money-dealers on the Pacific Coast to send their gold-producing regions to run the bullion out of the country, and stamp it with the denomination of English sovereigns or French Louis. When Sherman, of the Senate, John Sherman, a Constitution-tinkerer, to whom a pigeon egg assumes the proportions of the dove of Yosemite, made his great intellectual effort upon this little paragraph, he was beaten by Nye, Stewart, Williams, and people who knew more about the matter; but, having succeeded in retarding the bill so far, a compromise was made between the House Committee on coinage and the Senate Finance Committee, and the bill got to the House with the coinage-charge reduced to one-fifth of 1 per cent. Even this was superfluous; for if our ten-cent-circulation amounted to ¼ to the maximum of $40,000,000, this charge would produce only $80,000.

I asked the Comptroller of the Treasury, some days ago, why he favored free coinage.

"Well," he replied, we can do twice the amount of work that we have at present for the same expense, not having enough to keep us busy. If we should abolish the coinage charge, we should have more work to do. Bullion would have the same advantages coming to us that it now has seeking foreign mints, and thus our coins would get greater circulation around the world. Every coin bearing the superscription and motto of the nation is, to a certain degree, a commercial advertisement of that nation. One of the leading statesmen of England has said, that the coins of England, circulating around the world, had done as much to give her supremacy and renown as any method of commercial advertisements ever resorted to."

"In this, as in many matters of the kind," said my informant, "we are behind the times; and here we have spent, with the assistance of all the experts in the country, dozens of months to get up a bill worthy of the country, which some tyro can overthrow in an instant with an ignorant objection."

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Marshall O. Roberts has already grown weary of the Southern Pacific Railway task, and has offered to sell out his franchise, &c., to Thomas A. Scott, for $1,500,000,—the sum advanced by Roberts to retain the charter nearly forfeited by Fremont's misdoings, and spent amongst the Texas Legislature last winter. Scott has been in the city several days, endeavoring to ascertain what liabilities Roberts and Fremont have made here. Last winter the State of Texas voted a large subsidy to the road,—not a dollar of which, however, was to be paid until the road should be completed for the whole 600 miles across the breadth of the State. Two or three land subsidies have been the Government subsidy, will accrue to the road; but it will take the first 150 miles of the lands to compromise with Fremont's bondholders, who were duped by his agents in Paris. Roberts is thought here to have proved a failure as a railroad capitalist, and he is said, besides, to be suffering from Bright's disease, or something similar, and his nervous spirits, I was told, in Philadelphia, the other day, that the New Jersey railroad lines, now consolidated under the name of "the United Railroads of New Jersey and Pennsylvania Railroad," had issued, under the old management, in 1871, 50,000 trip railroad tickets to dead-heads. Amazed at these figures, I found out that such wholesale pass-giving must be ruinous; but my informant took up pencil and paper, and showed that, on the basis of 4 cars to a train, 3 trips a day, with care to the train, making 36,500 cars a year, this great number of deadheads could be reduced to one half a dozen a train.

Since the Pennsylvania Road took the New Jersey lines, it has reduced the time between New York and Philadelphia nearly one-third, so that, in two hours and a half, one can be whisked from city to city, and go almost every hour in the day. A man can now leave New York in the morning, run over to Philadelphia, return, visit Philadelphia a second time, and return to New York, if he chooses, in the twenty-four hours of daylight. The ferries have also greatly improved, and the route has become civilized at last.

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Last week the little town of Manhattan, on the Kansas River, and College Hill, which is about two miles west-northwest of Manhattan, were full of strangers and visitors from almost all parts of the State, attending the Agricultural Institute held in the Agricultural College, under the auspices of the Regents of that institution. The attendance,—428 persons,—must be called a large one, and the Institute itself proved to be a success in every respect. The different lecturers—prominent stock-raisers, agriculturists, and horticulturists of Kansas, and other States; among the latter, I will only mention Dr. John A. Warder, of Cincinnati, O.; President A. S. Welch, of the Iowa Agricultural College; Professor Charles V. Riley and Charles W. Murtfeldt, of St. Louis, Mo., had their topics well chosen, and handled the same in a very able and interesting manner. Still, a synopsis of these lectures, although it might be interesting to a great many readers of THE TRIBUNE, would occupy too much space, and would do no justice to the lecturers. The discussions, at the close of each lecture, were very lively; the audience seemed to take a great interest in the same, and evinced a marked desire for information. Stock-raising and tree-planting (sylvaculture), however, called forth the most lively discussions, undoubtedly on account of this great importance in an open prairie State like Kansas. The discussions on stock-raising took a practical turn, and ended in the organization of a

KANSAS STOCK-RAISERS ASSOCIATION.

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By the side of that lost wretch sits a young woman, Mille Zelie Brandelle, the mistress of Ferre, a girl of 22 years of age, but looking older. The lost creature lacks every element of physical beauty. The beetling brows, the sunken eyes, the sinister squint, the high cheek-bones, the coarse, flat nose, all the type. Her look is that of stupidity rather than evil. The poor creature had adorned herself for the time by putting on a lavender dress and a white muslin pelerine with much frill and the strings of a scrupulously clean and freshly-starched cap. What part this woman played in the massacre I have yet to learn; but she is charged with having, after the murders, obtained a quantity of their vestments, jewels, and books; and the day after the massacre she gave money to some National Guards to buy petroleum and burn Monsieur Bonjean's body. For this she is probably able to keep up the animal warmth in a gaunt and lean cell, especially when the latter is kept out doors in the winter, the thermometer descending to four degrees below zero. Judge, will be quite frequently the case, even during daytime, as far north as Buffalo County, Wisconsin.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—SO-CALLED WOLF'S TEETH.

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The next prisoner, Lavalette, locksmith—has an extraordinary face; a high, intellectual brow, a well-cut nose, and other good features, made terribly forbidding by the unsleeping fire that burns in his eyes, lights, lighted up, it almost seemed, by the fire of insanity, and darting about looks of mingled ferocity and terror. Lovin has been the actual murderer of the Archbishop, Deguise, Giront, who sits next, bears the most forbidding face of the whole band. The black, matted hair, which falls down upon the low brow; the deformed nose, the high cheek-bones, the sunken eyes, the unhealthy pallor, the sinister look, that seems as though it had never worn a smile, or registered any wish higher than the instinct of an animal, invest the face with a horrible fascination.

By the side of that lost wretch sits a young woman, Mille Zelie Brandelle, the mistress of Ferre, a girl of 22 years of age, but looking older. The lost creature lacks every element of physical beauty. The beetling brows, the sunken eyes, the sinister squint, the high cheek-bones, the coarse, flat nose, all the type. Her look is that of stupidity rather than evil. The poor creature had adorned herself for the time by putting on a lavender dress and a white muslin pelerine with much frill and the strings of a scrupulously clean and freshly-starched cap. What part this woman played in the massacre I have yet to learn; but she is charged with having, after the murders, obtained a quantity of their vestments, jewels, and books; and the day after the massacre she gave money to some National Guards to buy petroleum and burn Monsieur Bonjean's body. For this she is probably able to keep up the animal warmth in a gaunt and lean cell, especially when the latter is kept out doors in the winter, the thermometer descending to four degrees below zero. Judge, will be quite frequently the case, even during daytime, as far north as Buffalo County, Wisconsin.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—SO-CALLED WOLF'S TEETH.

H. T. C., of Shell Rock, Minn., inquires about "Overreaching" and "Wolf's Teeth." As to the former, I will say that overreaching is produced by two causes: The one is the defective and unmechanical conformation of the horse—that is, in comparatively good hind-legs, with long bones and sufficient angles in the joints, and poor fore-legs, with a steep shoulder, short bones, and insufficient angles in the shoulder and elbow-joints, as also in an insufficient length of body, which brings hind-legs and fore-legs too near together. The second cause consists in fatigue and exhaustion. Almost any horse that—to a comparatively short body, and has better hind-legs than fore-legs, will overreach when tired or exhausted, or is compelled to travel in deep and muddy roads; for then no animal cannot lift his fore-feet quick enough to get them out of the way of his hind-ones.

Overreaching must and will cease, as the evil worse, self-evident, and does not require any further illustration.

As to the so-called "Wolf's-Teeth," it has been said repeatedly in these columns that the same are nothing more or less that small, supernumerary grinders found in the jaws of a great many horses, and have no connection whatever with the eyes. Therefore, the old saying that these so-called wolf's-teeth make a horse blind, is nothing but a wide-spread superstitions without any proof or foundation.

THE BEST WORK ON HORSES.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 15.

VETERINARIAN— SIR: Being a new farmer, I would like to procure the best work on horses, their diseases, and remedies. Please answer through THE TRIBUNE where such can be had, and the price.

JAMES MALOY.

Answer to James Maloy.—I am not able to give you the desired information. Apply to a book-seller.

TO INQUIRERS.

Parties sending inquiries are requested to sign their names, and will do a favor as well to me as to the printer by writing only on one side of the paper.

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A Curious Divorce Case.

Paris Correspondence of the New York Times.

A curious divorce case has just been settled in one of the Courts of the Seine. A German woman, a native of Frankfort, obtained a divorce in that city, and came at once to France to meet her lover. According to the German law, the parties can marry at the end of 3 months' time, but the French law requires ten months. The lady and her intended were in Court, pleading for the privilege of marrying immediately, when a difficulty arose in the French Court. The lady made an appeal to the popular sentiment. True, he was German, but he wished to pass over to the side of the vanquished and become a French citizen according to the German laws he could marry in six months, or five months hence, but wanted to become French at once. The Judge hesitated. He applauded their views and sentiments of the lady, but one thing puzzled him. Suppose a child should come, say seven months after marriage, would not the infidelity be apparent? Suppose such a child be born at any time before the expiration of the ten months required by the French law, the German husband could claim that child under the law as his own, although the lady proves that she has not seen the legal father formore than two years. No matter for that—the law would give him the child. The lady was very anxious to secure the Judge that she would see to that matter, and take care that no legal embarrassments of that kind should rise, and her advocate was so eloquent in his pleadings, his patriotic spirit which induced this German lady to renounce her detestable country, that the Judge gave a sentimental verdict. How he did it, or under what law, I do not exactly see; but on the lady's assurance in fact there should be no trouble in the way of children, heardered the divorce, with the privilege of marrying at once. As the lady has considerable money, the future French husband was overjoyed at this decision, and wished to embrace the magistrate upon the bench. He was in a dreadful fidget when the Judge was offering his objections, for heiresses are at a premium here, and if he were forced to wait for ten months, his rich, fair, and forty charms might change her mind.

THE SLAYERS OF THE HOSTAGES.

Trial of the Twenty-three Murderers of La Roquette—Portraits of the Prisoners.

Paris Cor. St Correspondence of the London Standard.

At Versailles to-day, in the Sixth Court-Martial, began a trial that will take a chief place in the History of the [illegible] Commune. The crime which struck horror most deeply into the heart of Europe was, not the declaration of civil war, nor even the firing of the public buildings of Paris, but the massacre of the good men whom the Commune had seized as hostages. The place of the trial is historical, and the scene was singularly appropriate. The court of the court-martial, seven in number, are made to represent all ranks, from that of Colonel to that of non-commissioned officer, so as to bring into effect all degrees of military and regimental feelings. But the eye soon shoots away from the outlines of the great hall, from the people on the benches, from the smooth, well-fed young advocates, and even the row of impassive judges, to the line of prisoners. They are an extraordinary, and it truth be told, strangely forbidding set of men and women. Fine faces, of course, are among them, but to be found, but most of the countenances are such as befit no other place than the dock, and a few are absolutely horrible in the lines of their hideous depravity. Rossel, the ex-Communal Francois, who is director of the prison of La Roquette during the reign of the Commune, and to whom was committed the keeping of the hostages, figures in the accusation, is, the chief part in the planning of the murders; that he willingly delivered the hostages into the hands of the Communist soldiers; that he rifled their bodies after death, and subsequently robbed the prisoners who had been spared. Of course, if the charge be made good, the penalty will be death without the faintest hope of reprieve. A man charged with having committed such atocities might be expected to display the worst features of the criminal type. But Francois is far otherwise. Small in statute and slight in form, he has a sharp, refined, nervous, intellectual face. Its the face of a sedentary, clever, ambitious official.

Next to Francois sits his assistant, Ramain, one of the principal agents in the murders. That man is deeply implicated in the great misdeed. Officer of a Communist troop, he it was who brought the Archbishop and the other hostages out of the cells, and handed them over to the firing party. After grossly insulting the illustrious prisoners, it is said that he conducted them to the place of death with his hands in his pockets, and with a look of much unconcern, as if he had been performing the most ordinary piece of work. He, too, it is added, plundered the bodies of the victims. Ramain is a strongly-built man, with a hard, coarse face, thick, bony, heavy brow, intense lips, and thick black hair.

The third prisoner, Picon, was also a turnkey at La Roquette.

"The part he took in the massacre I cannot at present exactly specify, nor can I see his face distinctly.

The fourth, also a jailer, is Langbein, a well-built, elderly man, with a short, cropped gray hair, and a fresh, resolute face. He still wears the uniform of the prison. Langbein conducted the prisoners to their cells when they reached La Roquette, and memaced them with death on their arrival.

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